

DENNY GALLERY

261 BROOME STREET
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For immediate release:

Amanda Valdez *Taste of Us* will be the inaugural exhibition at Denny Gallery
Reception for the artist: Friday, January 11, 2013, 6 - 8 p.m.

Elizabeth Denny is pleased to announce that the inaugural exhibition at **Denny Gallery**, located at 261 Broome Street on the Lower East Side, will be a solo exhibition of work by **Amanda Valdez**.

Amanda Valdez makes colorful, multimedia works, populated by shapes that oscillate between representation and abstraction. The works have a very strong physicality, immediacy, and sense of embodiment. Various materials- embroidery, acrylic paint, fabric and canvas- are sewn together to become continuous, integral elements of the work. Sewn elements are not delicate. Fabric and stitches do not cede to painted elements, and the overall effect is one of materials acting out and asserting themselves. Yet the final work gives a sense of holistic embodiment, wrangled from the potential anxiety of fragmentation.



Amanda Valdez, *I Poison Myself*, 2012.
Fabric, Acrylic and Canvas. 22 x 22 inches.

Amanda Valdez is a Brooklyn based artist, born in Seattle, Washington. She received her MFA from Hunter College in New York City and BFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her work has been exhibited in *El Regreso de los Dinosaurios* at the Abrons Art Center in New York City, *Same Same But Different* at SOIL in Seattle, *MsBehavior* at the ArtBridge Drawing Room in New York City, *The Return to Rattlesnake Mountain* at the Wassaic Project in Wassaic, New York, *Faraway Neighbor* at Flux Factory in Queens, *Don't Fence Me In...Or Out* at Lesley Heller Workspace in New York City. Valdez has been the recipient of a Yaddo Artist-in-Residency, MacDowell Colony Artist-in-Residency, the 2011 College Art Association MFA Professional-Development Fellowship, and is a contributing arts editor at Dossier Journal and Bomb Magazine.

Please join us for a reception for the artist Amanda Valdez on Friday, January 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. The gallery is located at 261 Broome Street in New York City. The hours are Wednesday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday by appointment. For further information, call Elizabeth Denny at 917-215-3723 or email elizabeth@dennygallery.com.