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### PETER OPHEIM: *FOREST*

**Boston** – Steven Zevitas Gallery is pleased to present *Forest*, an exhibition of new work by New York-based artist **Peter Opheim**. The exhibition will be on view from Thursday, March 1 through Saturday, April 14 2012, with an opening reception Friday, March 2.

**On View:** March 1 – April 14, 2012

**Opening Reception:** Friday, March 2, 2012, 5:30 – 8 PM

Opheim's pictorial language underwent a radical change in 2010. After largely focusing on abstraction for more than two decades, Opheim began a new body of work that, while actively drawing on years of hard-won experience with his chosen medium, is resolutely pictorial.

In a sense, Opheim's paintings function as sculpture, and he does not consider them to be pictures. Before beginning a given painting, Opheim first determines the scale of the work and the type of figure he wishes to paint. He subsequently produces a small clay sculpture that becomes both a reference point and stepping-stone. Although Opheim's models give him a subject based in reality, the completed paintings are anything but still-lives; rather, they are the result of myriad intuitive decisions based on the needs of a given subject and so, ultimately about their own facture.

Opheim's work has been exhibited nationally for more than twenty years, and he is the recipient of a Pollack Krasner Foundation Grant. Recent solo exhibitions include shows at The Columns Gallery in Seoul, South Korea, and at VOLTA NY, both in 2011. This is his first one-man exhibition at Steven Zevitas Gallery.

The artist will be in attendance for an opening reception on Friday, March 2nd from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. For additional information, please contact Steven Zevitas at 617.778.5265 (ext. 22). *Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11AM – 5 PM.*