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Take Me Home: paper silhouettes by Barbara Ensor September 9 – December 31, 2010

A longing for home is a narrative thread that weaves through *Take Me Home*, an exhibition of cut-paper silhouettes by Barbara Ensor, at Phyllis Stigliano Gallery, 62 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, September 9-December 31, 2010. Ensor's paper cut-out silhouettes, quill-penned phrases, and ink splats, which are familiar to readers of her adapted fairy tales, now tell a more personal story. Scherenschnitte portraits of children, forests, and half-remembered ocean liners invoke a search for belonging. Speaking on this most universal of themes, the carved wooden frames, as well as the cut-outs themselves remind us of work by folk artists.

A man pictured in a forest is simply labeled "lost;" a cut-paper silhouette girl whispers in jagged script to the giant bird carrying her, "Take Me Home!" It is as though we have arrived in the middle of a story, or perhaps a dream. Barbara Ensor's recent book, *Cinderella (As If You Didn't Already Know the Story)*, also featuring her silhouette cut-outs, was praised in the pages of *The New York Times* for "truly divine moments" concocted from "shimmering prose...and striking imagery."

During her childhood, Ms. Ensor (a distant relative of the Belgian artist James Ensor), migrated between England and the United States attending nine different schools. Ultimately graduating from Brown University, she is now a long-time resident of Park Slope-Brooklyn, and the mother of two grown-up children. In 2008, she had a solo show at the Old Stone House, Brooklyn, NY; she is represented by Phyllis Stigliano Gallery.

Phyllis Stigliano Gallery is a contemporary art gallery located at 62 Eighth Avenue, Park Slope-Brooklyn, NY 11217. Hours: Thursday-Saturday, 12-5:00PM, September 9 - October 2, 2010, or by appointment October 7 – December 31, 2010 . Phone: 718 638.0659, email: artjump@aol.com, www.phyllisstigliano. Party: Sunday, September 12, 2010, 3:00-5:00PM. Directions: approximately 3 blocks from number 2 or 3 subway to Grand Army Plaza; Q subway to Seventh Avenue; walking distance from the Brooklyn Museum.

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