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Josephine Durkin: Tear, Cut, Fold & Lean
October 22– November 26, 2006
Reception: Sunday, October 22, 2-5pm

“Paring down intimate human activity by way of animating materials invites the viewer to focus on their own memories, communicative behavior and sensual ability.” Josephine Durkin

(Alexandria, VA) - The Torpedo Factory Art Center's Target Gallery is excited to present **Josephine Durkin: *Tear, Cut, Fold & Lean***. The exhibition will **feature a site-specific installation of hundreds of mini rocking chairs, each fashioned from a piece of digitally manipulated 8 ½ x 11” or 11x17” paper**, nodding simultaneously in the breeze of an oscillating fan, videos and drawings. Artist Josephine Durkin was awarded the annual Target Gallery Open Exhibition slot through a highly competitive selection process. Durkin engages her audience and draws them in to a position of self-conscious voyeurism. Her work attracts curiosity, excitement, repulsion, and awe. The exhibition will be from October 22 through November 26, 2006 with an opening reception to meet the artist on October 22 from 2 to 5pm.

Josephine Durkin is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University (BFA, Sculpture) and Yale University (MFA, Sculpture). She has also studied art at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C. and studied abroad at the Lorenzo de Medici School of Art in Florence, Italy. She has exhibited her work throughout Virginia, Washington, D.C., New York, Connecticut, and California and internationally to include Austria and Ontario, Canada. Durkin is an artist not to be missed, definitely one to watch out for in the art world. She is the new assistant professor of sculpture at Texas A&M University – Commerce. Durkin's expertise is in kinetic sculpture and time - based installations, which she documents and displays via video and painting. Her sculptures speak about relationships and sex vicariously, using clothespins, honey, sewing needles or looped paper instead of human figures. Recently, Josephine's work was described by the Kunstraum Innsbruck Gallery as “exciting contemporary video” and the Queen's Diatribe Magazine reported that Durkin's one woman exhibition at Modern Fuel's State of Flux Gallery was “refreshing... a vibrant, animated dialogue that is as whimsically beautiful as it is tenuously foreboding.”

Target Gallery is the national exhibit space of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, displaying artwork in all media from artists across the United States and abroad. Located on the ground

floor of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Target Gallery is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday, 12 to 5 pm and other times by appointment.

More information on **Josephine Durkin: *Tear, Cut, Fold & Lean*** at the Target Gallery and the Torpedo Factory Art Center can be found at **www.torpedofactory.org** or by calling **703.838.4565 x 4**. The Torpedo Factory Art Center, located at 105 N. Union Street in Old Town Alexandria, is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm.

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