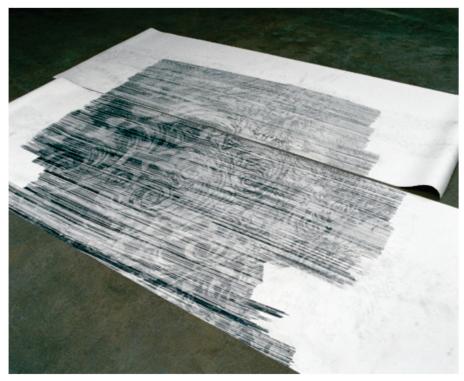
Frieze Art Fair 2009



Lucy Skaer

Born 1975 **Lives** Glasgow

The Deluge (Expanded) 2008 Pencil on paper 285x485cm Courtesy the artist and doggerfisher

Lucy Skaer's work reincarnates found images and objects as meditations on beauty that remain more than a little reticent. In The Siege (In Oak and Pearl) (2007) a wooden beam from a Cambridge college is carved into several orbs and inlaid with mother-of-pearl, but the connection between architectural support and domestic decoration is not explained. Her large-scale drawings are concerned with how something comes to be thought of as an image, Skaer's source material metamorphosing into a spectral likeness rather than a faithful rendition. Elsewhere this secret life of artefacts is captured in Flash in the Metropolitan (2006), a film made with her frequent collaborator Rosalind Nashashibi, in which nocturnal museum displays are caught out by a strobe and given a new but uneasy life. (ST)