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### Traver Gallery – Seattle

#### Carmen Vetter: *Fill*

**Exhibition Dates: July 14 – August 21, 2011**

**Opening Reception: Thursday, July 14, 5 - 8 pm**

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Traver Gallery is pleased to present *Fill*, a solo exhibition featuring new work by Portland artist Carmen Vetter. The show includes a selection of the artist's signature fused glass, bas-relief wall panels, the neo-geometric compositions of which are designed to explore the interplay between opposites, highlighting the relationship between positive and negative space and exploring the subtle shifts in tone as light gives way to shadow across their textured surfaces.

Vetter is also concerned, in this new body of work, with the manner in which a shift in perspective can alter perceptions. Expertly manipulating her material to exploit its natural tendency to reflect light differently from various angles, her designs seem to change as you move around them. Fine glass particles are meticulously layered, through multiple firings, in alternating directions to create monochromatic patterns; and because of the way in which the pigments are built up in three dimensions, forms that appear wide and substantial from head on, seem almost to disappear when viewed from an angle.



The simple, yet powerful, shapes and forms that make up Vetter's compositions come to her, fully formed, as recurring imagery in her sketches and studies. Contrary to the desire of many artists working in a minimalist style to purge their work of metaphor, Vetter's curvilinear designs carry deep personal meaning and are intended to communicate with the viewer, through form and color, on a direct, emotional level.

Carmen Vetter, who lives and works in Portland, OR. has shown her work in solo and group exhibitions throughout the Northwest. She was a finalist in Bullseye's EMERGE competition in 2006 and 2008 and her work was included in New Glass Review 31 in 2010.

*Caption information:* Carmen Vetter, *SWALE*, 64"h x 64"w, 2011.

*High-resolution versions of this and other images are available upon request.*

*Located one block north of the Seattle Art Museum, the Traver Gallery is one of the country's premier exhibition spaces for contemporary studio glass, painting, sculpture, and installation art. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Friday 10 – 6, Saturday 10 – 5, and Sunday 12 – 5. For more information, please call (206) 587-6501 or visit our website at [www.travergallery.com](http://www.travergallery.com).*