

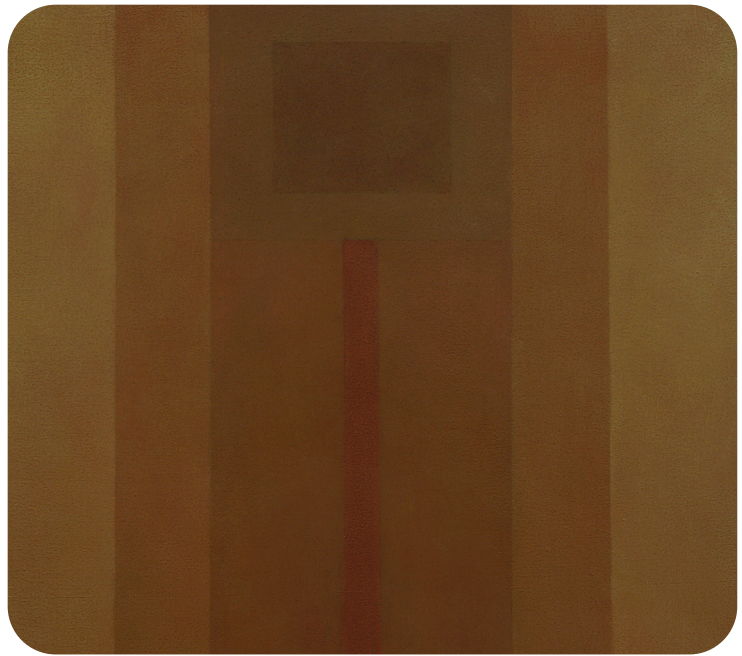
# MONARCH STUDIO

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## RONALD AEERHARD : PASSAGE

Thurs, Oct 1 – Sat, Oct 31, 2009  
Reception: Thursday, Oct 1, 6–8pm



**SEATTLE, September 10, 2009** -- Monarch Studio is pleased to present a selection of paintings and monoprints by Seattle artist **Ronald Aeberhard**.

Begun in 2007, "Passage," is a series of oil on canvas paintings and works on paper. It is based on the "Ka" door from the Egyptian pharaonic period. The Ka was the life force that distinguished the difference between the living and the dead, with death occurring when the Ka left the body. The doors were placed as the front of the burial chambers for prominent citizens. They were not actual doors that could be opened, but were representations of the parts of a door, including the jambs, a lintel, a stela and an offering place, each carved from stone or wood. They were thresholds that allowed gods or the deceased to interact and link with the living world, and are most commonly associated with offering rituals. The false door was intended to allow the deceased a link between the living and the dead so that the dead would receive sustenance from the land of the living. These false doors were the physical points of focus connecting the temporal world with the spiritual.

Complete resume and images available upon request.

### ABOUT MONARCH STUDIO

Located in the heart of Seattle's Pioneer Square art district, Monarch Studio is a fine art gallery promoting the sale and exhibition of contemporary art by emerging and mid-career artists. The works exhibited reflect a diverse range of innovative ideas and techniques that address our current social and cultural environment. New exhibitions are mounted both monthly and bi-monthly, with the openings corresponding to Seattle's First Thursday gallery walk.

