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**La Mama Gallery
6 East First Street
New York, NY 10003**

**Marybeth Ward
*Model Kitchen***

October 9 through October 25

Opening Reception: Friday, October 9, 6-8 PM

This is Marybeth Ward's third solo exhibition at the La Mama Gallery, and again, the New York based artist creates a large environmental mixed media installation that explores the territory of transformation. *Model Kitchen* is an homage to 21st century women of the world who fight violence and abuse in order to gain control over their lives.

In a 12 by 20 foot area, Ward has created a unique space that represents the place where, throughout history, one could find the woman of the house preparing food for her family. But this is not your ordinary kitchen. In the center are old appliances and a television set. Seven 3 by 8 foot transparent panels embedded with kitchen blueprints, appropriated images culled from international newspapers, and graffiti-like drawings float above a canvass ground cloth painted like a huge checker board.

Playing on the television screen is a continuous video containing orchestrated cat walks intercut with women from several continents demonstrating for their rights as well as footage of violence being perpetrated against them. One sees an array of women in various states of transformation, out of the kitchen in the world, struggling for autonomy.

In *Model Kitchen*, Marybeth Ward challenges the viewer to seriously reflect upon the current status of women around the world.

Gallery Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 1-6PM