## Siona Benjamin: Esther Megillah

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Esther Megillah, illuminated manuscript on parchment, 2010. Courtesy of Flomenhaft Gallery, NY.

Originally from Bombay, painter Siona Benjamin was raised Jewish in a predominantly Hindu and Muslim area of India. Now living in the US, Benjamin creates work that combines the imagery of her past with the role she plays in America today. Her work is inspired by both Indian miniature paintings and Jewish and Christian illuminated manuscripts. The *Esther Megillah* (above) is the basis for the Jewish celebration of the festival of Purim.

**Location:** One West Fourth Street (between Broadway and Mercer Street), Manhattan; Subway: R/N to 8th St./NYU: 6 to Astor Place: A/C/E/B/D/F/M to W. 4th St.

**Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.; Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; Select Sundays

(March 27 and April 10), 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Admission:** FREE. Photo ID required.

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