

FORM+CONTENT GALLERY

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Terrain- Rhythm and Place

What

An invitational two-person exhibition of prints and sculptures by Minnesota artists Cathy Ryan and John Saurer.

When

Thursday, August 8 through Saturday, September 14, 2013

Gallery hours: Thursday – Saturday

12:00 – 6:00 pm and by appointment, free and open to the public

Closing Reception

Saturday September 14, 6-8 pm, free and open to the public

Where

Form+Content Gallery

Whitney Square Building

210 North 2nd Street, Suite 104

Minneapolis, MN 55401

Metered street parking until 6 pm

Info

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Description

Form+Content Gallery presents *Terrain-Rhythm and Place*, an invitational exhibition of screenprints by Cathy Ryan and sculptures and prints by John Saurer. The exhibition is curated by Form+Content members Jil Evans and Jody Williams, whose early discussions focused on their shared appreciation of artists who use a cool aesthetic to express expansive, charged ideas. Cathy Ryan and John Saurer work in different media, but have a similar systematic approach to making sense of the natural world. Highly observant, they make connections between seen and unseen layers of substance and meaning, and use repeated forms and layers of color to express their discoveries about the rhythms of land and place.

Cathy Ryan Artist Statement

In the contours of the terrain, the gentle currents of a lake or the change of seasons, there is a rhythm that governs the earth, a pattern to what we experience as a sense of place. I use abstraction to explore perspectives that define the essence of our surroundings, and I search for balance and order through a visual language that references familiar aspects of the land. I'm most excited by the connection between text and image, the power of words to convey the simple beauty of the land, to provide context and revive memory. I love the challenge of creating a visual response to what I find in the words, of translating ideas into minimal forms that trace the geometry of the earth and offer a separate view of what is imbedded in the text.

John Saurer Artist Statement

The rhythm of walking along a railroad track or pacing the white lines down the middle of a highway; counting spaces between the cars of a coal train; the steady work of weaving material by hand: over-under-over-under. I have discovered that my artwork is a metaphor for order: sometimes re-expressing order found in the landscape, a mechanical process, the rhythm of form, personal relationships, and the life around me. Each work is often a collaboration of many independent parts that are crafted to come together and express a larger whole.

Cathy Ryan Biography

Cathy Ryan is a book artist and printmaker based in Minneapolis, MN. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Francisco State University, and a post baccalaureate certificate in Print, Paper, and Book from Minneapolis College of Art and Design. She was awarded a 2011/2012 Jerome Book Arts Fellowship and her work is included in the 2012 Quarry publication *1000 Artist Books*. Her work has been exhibited both nationally and internationally and is included in many private and public collections. In addition to her art practice, she currently serves on the board of directors for Minnesota Center for Book Arts.

John Saurer Biography

John Saurer earned his BA at Hope College (sculpture / drawing) and his MFA at Colorado State University (sculpture). His many exhibitions include shows in Holland, Michigan; Albany, Georgia; Rosario, Argentina; Minneapolis, St. Paul and Rochester, Minnesota; Fargo, North Dakota; Fort Dodge, Iowa; and Fort Collins, Colorado. His work consistently involves sculpture, printmaking and drawing and he has been teaching each of these media at St. Olaf College since 1995, where he is currently chair of the Department of Art and Art History.

Press Images

01-Ryan
Cathy Ryan
Atlas I, 2012
Screenprint
5.5" x 12"

02-Ryan
Cathy Ryan
Atlas II, 2012
Screenprint
5.5" x 12"

03-Ryan
Cathy Ryan
Atlas IV, 2012
Screenprint
5.5" x 12"

04-Saurer
John Saurer
Chorus, 2013
Aluminum and enamel paint
Dimensions variable

05-Saurer
John Saurer
Chorus, 2013
Aluminum and enamel paint
Dimensions variable

06-Saurer
John Saurer
Criss-Cross, 2012
Relief print on paper
Dimensions variable

Mission Statement

Form+Content Gallery will nurture diverse artistic practice and thoughtful dialogue. We value art as a catalyst for critical thinking. We value integrity and the artistic process. We aspire to link personal expression to broader social contexts. Form+Content Gallery is dedicated to moving the definitions and practice of culture forward in new and lively ways. Suggestions and ideas for cultural partnerships and programs are welcome.