

Artist Statement - Out There, 2011

This show titled, "**Out There**," consists of the work of three artists: **Camille Louis, Kim Lew** and **Andrea Soler**. These works are landscapes of meaningful places visited by each artist, be it in their hometown, in a spiritually charged area of the forest or even in the habitats that grow inside our internal organs.

The artists hope that these works will provide calm and incite curiosity in the viewers, taking them out of the midst of urban life and into these created spaces.

Camille's prints and paintings include the forest areas of her permanent home in rural Alberta. These pieces are filled with the safeness of birch and poplar trees and allow the viewer to observe these personal and spiritual places.

Kim's paintings show areas near her childhood home in Southern Alberta and in her current home of Edmonton. These include areas that are fond reminders of past events. These places are filled with acute memories that have persisted over years.

Andrea's paintings are about life beneath the surface, as she is interested in imagining what grows in secluded environments, be it wetlands, forests or microscopic views of nature and the human body. Smaller life forms that we cannot see at first glance are of particular interest to her.

The goal is to recreate real and imaginary landscapes, charged with positive recollections and a sense of belonging. "Out There" is about mentally traveling out of the city into an introspective space that might remind the viewer of places they have been or that they would like to be in.