



K a r e n M a t h e i s

Lawrence, KS

Artist Statement

In these current works, I re-interpret the idea of traditional landscape. I am intrigued by the flat, open space and lack of verticals of the surrounding fields near my home in Kansas. The terrain and roads are geometric and simplified. Abstraction is the result of my quest to capture the feel of this region.

The concepts for the paintings are conceived while moving through the space with the intention of recording the region, similar to a visual map documenting one point to another. Memory and quick sketches are utilized in the production of each painting. The outcome is that the landscape goes through an editing process: extraneous parts are deleted while other parts are heightened.

Color plays an important role in these works. Color choices are intentional and not always as they would appear. Instead, the objective is to represent the essence of the time of day or season that I witness.

Blue Gallery

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Karen Matheis

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Education:

BFA Painting, University of Kansas 1991
BA Education, University of Kansas 1991
MA Art Education University of Kansas 1995

Experience:

Curator: Body of Work: Interpretations of the Live Model: Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, Kansas May-June 2012
Professional Arts Educator, Shawnee Mission Schools, 1992-Present
Coordinator, of John Talleur Print Studio, Lawrence Arts Center 2004-2006

Exhibition History:

Chronic City, Lawrence Arts Center, November 2014
I Feel Love Solo Show, Phoenix Gallery, Lawrence, Kansas June 27-July 26, 2014
Only The Best Group Show, Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, Kansas November 2013-February 2014
Works on Paper: Summer Solo Show, Wheatfields: June 1-August 11, 2013
Roadscapes: A View from Here to There: Solo Show, Pachamama, April- May, 2013
Make Love Group Show: The Percolator Gallery, Lawrence, Kansas January 25-February 19, 2013
Curator: *Body of Work: Interpretations of the Live Model: Group Show: The Lawrence Arts Center*, Lawrence, Kansas, May 18-June 30, 2012
The Story of Chickens: Group Show: Percolator Gallery: Lawrence, Kansas March 30- April 21, 2012
Dannon Art Project: A Living Studio: Group Show: The Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, Kansas January 23-March 29, 2012
New Works by Karen Matheis: Solo Show Landmark, Lawrence, Kansas, January 20-April 7, 2012
Landscapes: Wheatfield's , Solo Show Lawrence, Kansas, 2011, June 5-August 7, 2011
Dr. Sketchy, Kulturetage, Hannover, Germany, February 26-April 12, 2011
Fresh Start, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, Kansas, January 28-March 11, 2011
K-10 Lawrence Public Library, Lawrence, Kansas, December 1- December 31, 2010
Mustache Madness: Group Show: Teller's, Lawrence, Kansas March, 2011
University of Kansas Inspired Works of Art: Kansas Union Gallery, Lawrence, Kansas, May, 2009
Trees I have known: Juried Exhibition, Percolator Gallery, Lawrence, Kansas March 14-May 3 2009
Art Stamps; Percolator Gallery; Group Exhibition; Lawrence, Kansas, May, 11-June 8, 2008
Recent Works: John Talleur Print Studio; Art Affair Gallery; Baldwin, Kansas, February, 2007
Conversations with a Pink Chair; Solo Exhibition; Wheatfield's; Lawrence, Kansas, May, 2007
Curator: *John Talleur Print Studio: Recent Works; Lawrence Public Library; Lawrence: March, 2007*
LOYO (Lawrence Own Your Own): Juried Group Show, Lawrence Arts Center Gallery; Lawrence: December, 2006
The Artistic Process; Group Exhibition; Art Affair Gallery, Baldwin, Kansas: September, 2006
We Love You, Permanent Collection: Independence Inc, Lawrence, Kansas
John Talleur Print Studio: Recent Works; KPR: May, 2005

Collections:

Contemporary Printmaking Collection: Bowling Green State University

Press:

KC Currents/Central Standard KCUR: Feature: Panel Discussion: Nudity in Art: September 19, 2013
Roads That Lead to our Midwest Imagination: Tallgrass, July 20, 2013
Visions of Douglas County, Douglas County Newcomer's Guide, Sunflower Publishing, 2013-214 Edition
Interview *Body of Art*, Feature KCUR Up to Date June 6, 2013
Lawrence Business Magazine, Summer 2014

Lectures:

Finding Your Creative Mind: Kansas Art Education Association Overland Park, Kansas, October, 2013
Drawing the Human Head Nerd Nite #19, Summer Shorts Pachamama's July 10, 2013
Finding Creative Flow: Kansas Art Education Association , Wichita, October 26, 2012
Success is A Mind Game: Finding Creative Flow: Nerd Nite #8, Smarts and Crafts Pachamama's, August 8, 2012



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Writing:

Larryville Artists: Blog: September 2012 – present.

Drawing Burlesque 8 1/2 x 11 Plug Projects Fall/Winter 2013

Interdisciplinary:

Curator: *Body of Work Poetry*, Lawrence Arts Center June 5, 2012

Curator: *Studio Burlesque*, Lawrence Arts Center, June 14, 2012

Insight Art Talk: Lead Panelist, Lawrence Arts Center, May 22, 2012

Donations:

Lawrence Arts Center Art Auction years 2010-2014

Douglas County Democrats Oct 2, 2013

Kansas City Artists Coalition Auction, Kansas City, Mo; 2010

KTWU Auction, Topeka, Kansas; Print Zero Fundraiser, Seattle, Washington, The Percolator Gallery, Lawrence, Kansas

