



JUST BEING THERE acrylic on canvas by Judith McKay

**URBAN GALLERY PRESENTS**

**HIRAETH**

**SOLO EXHIBITION BY JUDITH MCKAY**

**November 8 to November 30 2018**

**Hiraeth** (*here-eye-th*)

**ARTIST STATEMENT**

Hiraeth is a Celtic word that means *a wistful longing for a place that you cannot return to. A place that perhaps never was.*

The desire for a sense of peace and belonging are emotions I seek to capture in my work. Such desire can often turn to frustration when the real world doesn't live up to fantasy, and so I depict trees, firmly rooted yet dancing in the wind, to symbolize resiliency as we continue to seek our true home, despite adversity.

For this exhibition, I chose a vibrant palette and the use of high gloss medium and reflective paints to create an ethereal effect, as if awakening from a beautiful dream that quickly evaporates and eludes us. The pieces selected for display are meant to truly express what Hiraeth means to me.

**BIO**

Judith McKay is a Toronto artist, who explores fantasy as a means of finding peace in a frenetic world. Trees are her allegory for the endless pursuits of modern life: rooted, yet branching out to reach the sky.

Largely self-taught, Judith's style is free-flowing. She uses both thick impasto and fluid colour to achieve movement and boldness. Fearless about colour, she uses a vibrant palette, applying interference and iridescent paints to achieve surrealistic effects. Her style is constantly evolving via frequent participation in workshops and exhibitions, as well as studying the techniques of other artists.

Recent Toronto exhibitions include Art Escape at the Super Wonder Gallery, the ETA Awards, Visual Arts Movement juried exhibition, FUSION, a shared solo show with Moses Salihou at the Freedom Factory Gallery. She is also a regular exhibitor at the Artusiasm Gallery. Her work can be found in private collections across Canada, the US and overseas.

Judith is also on the board of Artscape, a Toronto-based not-for-profit urban development organization that makes space for creativity and transforms communities. She also is honoured to have recently joined the Art Toronto 2018 Opening Night Committee.

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 Thursday November 8 to Friday November 30, 2018

**ARTWORKS LIST**

1. JUST BEING THERE	acrylic on canvas	48 w x 36 h	\$3500
2. VICARIOUS	acrylic on canvas	48 w x 36 h	\$3500
3. DESTINY	acrylic on canvas	36 w x 48 h	\$3500
4. KISS THE SKY	acrylic on canvas	18 w x 24 h	\$850
5. SENTINEL	acrylic on canvas	18 w x 24 h	\$850
6. ABUNDANCE	acrylic on canvas	18 w x 24 h	\$850
7. ZEPHYR LAKE	acrylic on canvas	18 w x 24 h	\$850
8. HORIZONS	acrylic on canvas	40 w x 16 h	\$1250
9. GLACIER LAKE	acrylic on canvas	24 w x 18 h	\$850
10. SAME AS IT EVER WAS	acrylic on canvas	30 w x 40 h	\$2400
11. LIVE THE WIND	acrylic on canvas	48 w x 48 h	\$4500
12. VICISSITUDES	acrylic on canvas	30 w x 40 h	\$2400
13. SPARKLE LAKE	acrylic on canvas	36 w x 24 h	\$1750
14. NIMBUS	acrylic on canvas	36 w x 24 h	\$1750
15. PROPITIOUS	acrylic on canvas	36 w x 24 h	\$1750
16. UNCANNY RESEMBLANCE	acrylic on canvas	36 w x 24 h	\$1750
17. HEART'S JOURNEY	acrylic on canvas	20 w x 24 h	\$950
18. MIRROR LAKE	acrylic on canvas	40 w x 30 h	\$2400
19. ALIVE AGAIN	acrylic on canvas	40 w x 30 h	\$2400
20. CENTRE OF GRAVITY	acrylic on canvas	40 w x 30 h	\$2400
21. SPIRITED SKY	acrylic on canvas	24 w x 36 h	\$1750

*-Please note ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE ARTIST • URBAN GALLERY does not take a commission on the artworks-*