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The Island Gallery
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EVENT:



Expanding Vistas

Jen Till

August 4 – 31, 2017

Opening Reception:

First Friday, August 4, 6-8 pm

In Concert on the Plaza:

The Tracie Marsh Band

IMAGE SHOWN:

Soft Quiet. Jen Till. 48" w x 66" t. Oil on board

About the Show:

New Work from Bainbridge Island artist Jen Till. In this collection Jen wields a loose brush, incorporating greater liquid and flow into her paints, to pleasing effect. Showing an easy familiarity with her medium - oils on board and canvas - she continues to translate the beauty of her natural surroundings into studies of landscapes and objects, creating gauzy, accessible, yet highly personal works of emotion and memory.



About the Artist:

Jen Till (Bainbridge Island, Washington)

Jen Till spent her childhood years in a seaside village, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, along the New England coast. Surrounded by the seasons during her formative years led Jen to look to nature as the basis of all her work as a painter today. Inspired by her many creative family members, she was fortunate to be entirely embraced in her budding love of art throughout childhood. Jen went on to the Rhode Island School of Design where she studied Painting and Textiles. After graduating, Jen moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico where she began to explore painting the vast landscape and light of the Southwest. Eventually making her way to the West Coast, Jen now lives, paints, teaches and works as a freelance textile designer on Bainbridge Island, Washington.

In some of my new work I have tried to paint more loosely and with more liquid and flow in my paint.... all from emotion and memory. I try to create more beauty and light for our world and to connect inner feeling with the things which inspire me visually. It is an effort to work intuitively and connect to spirit. I enjoy this process of letting things just be as they are, on the canvas. I am also just beginning to explore new ways to paint nature in smaller works by bringing in objects such as trees, birds, flowers or a moon in an effort to tell a painted story of the spirit of the forest. I am fascinated and inspired by the richness of my natural surroundings and the mysteries of life.

About the Musicians:

The Tracie Marsh Band

Tracie Marsh, a Seattle area native, has been a musician since she was five years old. She holds a bass performance degree from Washington State University and has traveled the world performing music of all styles. While living in Boston, Tracie played in several bands and held the principal bass position in The New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra. She also worked four years aboard cruise ships playing for large productions and entertainers such as The Platters, The Drifters and many other Las Vegas acts. Since moving to Poulsbo in 2005, Tracie has been a busy bassist/singer performing in several music projects, and studio session work. Her current project, The Tracie Marsh Band, plays jazz and adult contemporary music and has been described as a “wicked combination of feel good music and a band that is devastatingly hip and talented”. Recently, she has released a long-awaited CD called *Reflections*, featuring some of the finest musicians in the Puget Sound region.





About The Island Gallery

Established in 2002, **The Island Gallery** features internationally recognized artists whose work takes traditional art forms in exciting new directions: studio furniture and sculpture; museum quality textile art and wearables; wood fired ceramics from the finest potters in America; paintings and prints; and unique jewelry creations. Monthly exhibitions include live musical concerts, featuring such genres as jazz, rock, folk, chamber music and performance art. This, along with its reputation for excellence, makes The Island Gallery a destination spot on beautiful Bainbridge Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle, and steps from the new Bainbridge Island Museum of Art.

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Event Location:

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