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untitled03-1902. Mixed media on canvas. 30" x 72". 2019

True Maps

Opening Reception | Friday, April 5th 2019 | 5:00-7:00pm | Gilded Pear Gallery
Exhibition continues until June 7th, 2019

Gilded Pear Gallery

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TRUE MAPS

Description:

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.— Gilded Pear Gallery is pleased to present *True Maps*, a solo exhibit of new works by Thérèse Murdza.

A writer turned visual artist, Thérèse Murdza began drawing big words on giant rolls of paper in 1998. Using an animated range of circles, lines, and colors, she continued her work onto stretched canvas, eventually building her signature bright, richly textured paintings. Her previous training remains an influence: "In college, I studied theater performance, learning new forms of materializing sounds in transitory space. I acted, directed, and wrote poetry and plays. After graduation I distilled my writing further, in search of the precise moments of emotion and of contact. Not narrating the beginnings and ends, but middles; the being in the middle of things. Years spent living up and down the east coast had me literally taking the words apart. Disintegrating the shapes of the words into lines, circles, squares and color. Seeing music, hearing words, somehow marking sound in charcoal, ink, pencil, and then: paint."

Thérèse has a BS in Theatre Arts from Towson University, MD. She studied Life Drawing at the Durham Arts Council School; Botanical Drawing at the ArtSchool at The ArtsCenter, NC; and Mural Painting with Larry Kangas in Portland, OR. She lives and works in Portland, Oregon and has exhibited in solo and group shows nationally. Her work can be found in many residential, commercial, and museum collections, including: Kaiser Permanente Beaverton Medical Office. Portland, OR; Bluebird Real Estate. Portland, OR; Oregon Reproductive Medicine Clinic. Portland, OR; United Fire Group. Los Angeles, CA; Cedar Rapids Museum of Art. Cedar Rapids, IA; Raven Industries. Sioux Falls, SD; Raining Rose, Inc. Cedar Rapids, IA; United Fire Group. Cedar Rapids, IA; TD Ameritrade Headquarters. Omaha, NE; Creative Entertainment Management. Portland, OR; among others.

Gilded Pear Gallery is located at 808 Third Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. For hours and more information visit www.gildedpeargallery.com –or- call: 319-366-0205

Parking, Accessibility, Cost:

A limited parking lot is available with 1 handicap space. On street- 2 hour parking is available on 3rd avenue and 8th street- non-metered.

All exhibit receptions are free and open to the public.