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Trois Femmes

Christina Hejtmanek

Stephanie Huang

Emma Rogers

Opening Reception: Thursday, May 25, 5-7PM

Pure Joy is pleased to present *Trois Femmes*, an exhibition of photographs by three women photographers who have ties to Marfa: Christina Hejtmanek, Stephanie Huang and Emma Rogers, each will present a small selection of recent work.

Christina Hejtmanek's photos are often captured while traveling through the landscape and capture a passing moment: the light and time, a sunset, a day break, an instant here now and then gone. She shoots only on film (rather than digital) and allows any processes to happen in the camera. The motion of her landscapes and the magic-hour focus of her photos merges inner and outer landscape creating seductive pictures that are familiar yet unplaceable.

Emma Rogers uses the camera to document but also abstract her vision of the world. Documenting landscape and showcasing flora is important to her as a way to share the beauty the natural world provides. Her recent exploration in "cut outs" and collage investigate ideas of disappearance and emergence. Shedding light on themes of creating something out of "nothing," she's able to reinvent image and tell new stories about presence and absence of self in relation to environment.

Stephanie Huang uses diptychs to liken the female figure to the landscape, suggesting a sense of undeniable oneness and intimacy between the two. As a person of diaspora and fragmented cultural upbringing, Huang sees experience as rooted in land itself, ultimately expressing the need to restore connections to the land with the female body. The exchange between woman and land thus exists to repair loss (be it of culture, home, identity, or time).

While Rogers and Huang both present a direct link between woman and landscape, by placing the woman in the landscape - either as self or subject, Hejtmanek presents a deliberately anonymous view.

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