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Marcy Adzich

Donovan Barrow

Laura Vandenburg

Amanda Wojick

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no[W]here brings together the sculptures of Marcy Adzich and Amanda Wojick, the drawings of Laura Vandenburg and the paintings of Donovan Barrow, organized by gallery artist Kevin Yates.

Marcy Adzich creates sculptures of dreamlike landscapes using common model railroad materials. She builds forms which are familiar yet unexpected, awkward yet intentional, and populates them with fabricated, sterling silver objects that litter across both the internal and external surfaces.

Donovan Barrow creates architectural still life paintings with glittering automobile paints. Using Modernist-inspired, cardboard architectural models as his subjects, he creates images in which proportions are skewed, and painted objects confer a material duality. The model's material—corrugated cardboard—reads as both cardboard and corrugated steel sheeting, while a glass of spilt water also stands in as a creek trickling through a landscape.

Laura Vandenburg produces intimate, coloured pencil drawings of distant mountains, lakes, and islands. They reference computer blueprints, topographical maps and surveyed landscapes. In vibrant colours, her subjects float on the paper becoming illusionistic objects.

Amanda Wojick's sculptures echo natural forms, depicting simple topographies of cliffs, rocks, and puddles. The intensely-worked surfaces appear as colourful pixilated textures that waver somewhere between sculpture and illustration.

These artists share a unique, sculptural approach to landscape, presenting their subject more as object than image. Their works embody a sense of mysterious isolation, disconnecting them from our realm of experience and challenging our understanding of their surfaces and forms.

"Because the larger features of nature repeat themselves in smaller forms, our eyes can discern the shape of a mountain range even in a humble rock."

-Willi Benz

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