

MATTEAWAN GALLERY

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Timelines

March 9 – April 7, 2013

Opening Reception Saturday, March 9, 6-9 pm

Beacon, NY, March 4, 2013 - Matteawan Gallery is pleased to present its inaugural exhibition: *Timelines*, featuring work by Matt Frieburghaus, Richard Kroehling, Jaanika Peerna, and Susan Walsh. *Timelines*, which will run through April 7, 2013, deals with temporal issues and time-based art making.

Matt Frieburghaus explores methods of transforming recorded digital data into prints, sound, and video. His work is an artifact of an investigative procedure that seeks to uncover new relationships between sight and sound. In his video *Orbit – WSW*, Frieburghaus filmed the International Space Station passing overhead and slowed it down to create bands of light. A passing moment in time is captured as a line across space. His digital prints are created from video, video stills, and recorded audio that is then manipulated to create a work. In *Swarm*, he uses a number of video stills in combination with digital audio waveforms recorded on a trip to Laos and Vietnam. Frieburghaus received an MFA from Syracuse University and is Associate Professor of Digital Media at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Richard Kroehling's films and videos capture haunting, emotional moments, and examine essential philosophical questions. In *Memoir of Everything*, the viewer experiences time on both an epic and intimate scale, with monumental images of nature mingled with quiet moments of human perception. The video is filled with mysterious and ambiguous images that convey the overpowering beauty of life around us. There is also a dark undercurrent of uncertainty that reminds the viewer of the fragility of life and the passing of time. Kroehling is a multifaceted artist, director, writer, and theoretician whose oeuvre includes film, poetry, music, and painting. His films and video art installations have been screened at film festivals, television networks, and art museums around the world, including recently at the 2012 Copenhagen Biennial Art Festival.

Jaanika Peerna is an Estonian-born artist living and working near New York for the past 14 years. Her work encompasses drawings, videos, and light installations often dealing with the theme of transitions in light, air, water, and other natural phenomena. In her *Storm* series, accumulations of lines track the shifts in weather experienced at the moment of making the drawing, capturing moisture, gravity of air and water, and shifting light. She describes herself as "a vessel gathering subtle and rapturous processes in nature, using the experiences and impulses to make my work." Peerna received an MFA in intermedia design from SUNY New Paltz, and is often involved in collaborative projects working with designers, dancers and musicians. She exhibits her work extensively in the New York metropolitan area as well as internationally.

Susan Walsh creates visual evidence of the passage of time, specifically in the convergence of loss and beauty: memento mori of time and spaces in transition. She is fascinated by the intersection between drawing and photography, and pushes the boundaries of the photographic image. In the series *Thread/Marking Time in Different Places*, Walsh works through the process of losing her mother (a seamstress and musician) by exploring waiting and marking time in relation to place. She uses the sun, pieces of thread, paper, and camera to create shadow drawings about time, place, and music without sound. Each image depicts the moment when the afternoon sun creates long shadows; both thread and sun are the charcoal, ink, and pencil. Walsh received an MFA in Photography from the University of Illinois, Chicago. This fall she will be an Artist in Residence at DRAWinternational in Caylus, France.

Matteawan Gallery opens for the first time to the public with *Timelines*. Gallery hours are Friday and Saturday from 12-5, and Sunday by appointment. For additional information please contact Karlyn Benson, info@matteawan.com or 845-440-7901.

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