



ysabel lemay

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LOOK DEEP INTO NATURE, AND THEN YOU
WILL UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING BETTER. ~Albert Einstein

A Canadian artist born in Quebec but now living in Texas, Ysabel LeMay was a painter before a photographer. She came to photography almost accidentally, happening upon her new medium when a friend lent her a small camera. After a month taking photographs, she dropped her paintbrushes and never looked back.

LeMay's training in painting however was not in vain. She brings the painter's eye and understanding of pictorial space to her photography. Her photographs are the result of a technique she calls Photo-Fusion. In a painstaking and lengthy process, she digitally layers hundreds of individually captured images into a unified composition. While many artists today work with digital techniques of collaging, LeMay specifically uses this process to create works that blend painting processes and photography in an effort to blur their boundaries. And so it is of little surprise that many people who encounter her work

for the first time mistakenly think they are standing before a hyperrealist painting.

As both her source of inspiration and her subject, nature provides LeMay an inexhaustible diversity from which to collect her images. From the seemingly most common leaf to the most exquisite flower or bird in flight, LeMay and her camera vibrate with the same life pulse of each natural wonder she captures. Her special attunement with nature does not stop with the snap of the shutter, but continues in her reinterpretation and reconfiguring of her many individual images into compositions that somehow communicate the mysterious unity of nature itself. Drawing on Latin, old French and Spanish, the word **GRACIA** denotes something beloved, elegant and also the giving of thanks. LeMay's photographs embody all of these meanings. They are her personal way of giving thanks to nature, an offering of reverence for its grace, interconnected energy and organic intelligence.

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CIRCA, 2013 | ARCHIVAL C-PRINT PHOTOGRAPH, 102 X 102 CM | EDITION 7



STILLNESS, 2012 | ARCHIVAL C-PRINT PHOTOGRAPH, 122 X 160 CM & 152 X 203 CM | EDITION 7





THE SUMMER NEST, 2011 | ARCHIVAL C-PRINT PHOTOGRAPH, 61 X 61 CM | EDITION 7



SPIRITUS, 2011 | ARCHIVAL C-PRINT PHOTOGRAPH, 92 X 183 CM & 122 X 244 CM | EDITION 7



ILLUMINATED II, 2011 | ARCHIVAL C-PRINT PHOTOGRAPH, 122 X 122 CM | EDITION 7



AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2011 **Winner Rising Stars Program**, KiptonArt, New York
2010 **Selection**, Open Porfolio New York
Chelsea Museum, New York
2007 **Artist Tour**, Naples Museum of Art, Naples, Florida
2004 **Selection**, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Montréal, Montréal
2003 **Fellowship, Artist Grant Recipient**
Conseil des Arts et des Lettres, Québec

EXHIBITIONS

- 2013 Texas Biennial, Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum, San Antonio, Texas
2013 Solo show, Couture Galleri, Stockholm, Sweden
2013 Group Show, Verve Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
2013 Affordable Art Fair, Living with Art Gallery, Hong Kong
2013 AD Designs & Home show, self representation, New York
2013 Realisme 13, Artitled Contemporary Art, Amsterdam
2013 Art Warehouse, Artitled Contemporary Art, Rotterdam
2012 Toronto Art Fair, Galerie deBellefeuille, Montréal
2012 Group Show, Secret Paradise, Lumas Gallery, Munich
2012 Art Basel, Avant Gallery, Miami
2012 The Amsterdam Photo Art Fair, Artitled Contemporary Gallery, The Netherlands
2012 Fotofever, Artitled Contemporary Art, Brussels
2012 Artantique Art Fair, Artitled Contemporary Art Utrecht, The Netherlands
2011 Group Show, Stricoff Gallery, New York

- 2011 Group Show, Spring Has Sprung, Cirker's Fine Art Storage, Armory show, NY
2011 Group Show, Hublot, NY
2011 Group Show, NeoCon for Holly Hunt, Chicago
2011 Group Show, Secret Garden, Denise Bibro Fine Art, New York
2011 Art Fair, The Artist Project, New York
2010 Pool Art Fair, Art Basel, Miami
2010 Group Show, Open Porfolio, Chelsea Museum, New York
2010 Group Show, Kipton Art, Rising Stars 2011, New York

CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

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