

"HUMAN / NATURE" RYERSON GALLERY

EXHIBITION BY: MARK KASUMOVIC & AMANDA ARCURI
MAR. 3RD - MAR. 27TH

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"Ideal Landscape #18"
Mark Kasumovic
30"x40", 2009

For Immediate Release HUMAN / NATURE features toronto based artists Mark Kasumovic and Amanda Arcuri at the Ryerson Gallery.

Toronto based artists Mark Kasumovic and Amanda Arcuri will be exhibiting their latest bodies of work for their exhibition at the Ryerson Gallery. The exhibition, "Human / Nature", curated by Sarah Munro, explores the landscape and its relationship to the way we interact with it.

Mark Kasumovic's series, *Ideal Landscapes*, offers a critique of traditional landscape photography's overt aestheticization of the natural world. Embracing mankind's impulse to improve upon the inherent beauty of nature, his work suggests another strategy for refinement. It is through the electronic lighting of the landscape that Kasumovic repositions nature as a perfectly realized product ripe for human consumption.

Amanda Arcuri's work, *Present in Absence*, also aims to embellish the landscape. Her time-elapsd invasions of public parks highlight humanized elements of nature via streaks of fire and strategically laid lights. However, in the speed of her performance, Arcuri's photographs all but eliminate the hand of the human who created them.

"Independently, these two artists illustrate alternate strategies for picturing landscape at a crossroads," explains curator Sarah Munro, "in the wake of a perilously industrialized era where man and nature invariably meet."

The exhibition will feature ten mid-scale photographs and will be on display from March 3rd to March 27th. Opening reception on Thursday, March 11th from 6pm to 9pm at Ryerson Gallery at 80 Spadina Ave. Further exhibition details available at www.ryersongallery.ca, and artist information can be obtained at www.markkasumovic.com and www.amandaarcuri.com.

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"Present in Absence 03", Amanda Arcuri, 45in. x 27in., 2008



"Present in Absence 05", Amanda Arcuri, 45in. x 27in., 2008



"Present in Absence 06", Amanda Arcuri, 45in. x 27in., 2008



"Present in Absence 07", Amanda Arcuri, 45in. x 27in., 2008



"Path #1", Mark Kasumovic, 30in. x 40in., 2009



"Path #2", Mark Kasumovic, 30in. x 40in., 2009

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