

galerie de la ville

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Galerie de la Ville presents in April/May an exhibition of oil paintings by artist **Branka Marinkovic Forte** entitled **Significant Places**. These works focus on the idea of the landscape, a subject that has been a part of our artistic environment ever since human beings have had the leisure to sit back and admire the view. Marinkovic Forte honors this tradition, yet imbues her subjects with meaning beyond the perceived scene.

Capturing the beauty of nature, a landscape painting was originally a window on a scene that was ever preserved from the passage of time, the vagaries of the weather or the changing of the seasons. As time in the outside world passed, as the impact of human activity grew, as the concepts of 'symbol' and 'metaphor' evolved, however, so did the relationship between artist and landscape. Today, the landscape's role in art is multi-layered: it is as often a character in the human drama as it is its stage; it is as much a record of an actual 'location' or 'place' as it is the manifestation of the meaning places – real or imagined, understood or sensed - acquire as our lives unfold.

The oil paintings of artist **Branka Marinkovic Forte** record real places: those able to travel can visit the actual locations the artist portrays, recognize the landmarks, and situate the buildings or architecture. However, the surface treatment and color palette reveal they are also places we see through the eyes of memory or through sensed rather than perceived reality. These places have a personal resonance for the artist; they are imbued with symbolic meaning, and painted in an impressionist style.

Branka Marinkovic Forte graduated from the Massachusetts College of Art in 1994. She is currently teaching art techniques at centers around Montreal, including the Dollard Centre for the Arts.

The opening reception for this exhibition will be held on **Sunday, April 25, 2010** from 1 to 3 p.m. The artist will be present.

The **exhibition** will run from **Friday, April 23, to Sunday, May 23, 2010** at Galerie de la Ville, located in the lower level of the Dollard Cultural Centre, at 12001 De Salaberry Boulevard, in Dollard des Ormeaux. Opening hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12 to 4 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. For further information, or to arrange **free, guided tours** of this exhibition for your group of six or more people, please call 684-1012, extension 298.

Source: Claudine Ascher, Director / Curator, Galerie de la Ville