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12 of Our 84 Possible Past Lives

Jenny Muskopf and Nellie King Solomon



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OPENING: September 27, 2014 from 7-10pm



Alter Space is proud to present 12 of our 84 Possible Past Lives, an exhibition featuring paintings by Jenny Muskopf and Nellie King Solomon. This series was conceived during a three-month period in the gallery's Artist-In-Residence program. Together, Muskopf and Solomon created a visual narrative that illustrates the incarnation of one consciousness through twelve different bodies. The twelve past lives of a consciousness originates from an Indian meditation practice called the Brahma Kumaris, in which it is believed that we are living our 84th life in a 5000 year cycle.

Muskopf and Solomon will be exhibiting the first half of the 12 paintings, in which they have set out to make physical that which can not be seen. Solomon's dark telluric abstractions provide a panoramic backdrop of the massive yet invisible force that stretches out over the collective unconscious. When measured with Muskopf's curious type of magical realism that employs subtlety and miniature detail, the paintings present a physical space that is both familiar and unknowable, at once hinged and floating away.

This collaborative project is the first between Muskopf and Solomon. At the project's inception, the artists held a public event, inviting people to participate in creating the paintings. Guests contributed their hunches about a previous existence by offering drawings, stories, feelings, connections, and the memory of recurring dreams onto a timeline of 12 historical lives. Each participant's ideas were embedded in the narrative with certain fragments being represented in the finished paintings.

Jennifer Muskopf graduated with a BFA from Kansas City Art Institute. Her work has been featured in Juxtapoz Handmade, The Artful Bird, and 7X7 magazine among other publications. Muskopf has exhibited both nationally and internationally.

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Nellie King Solomon holds an MFA from California College of the Arts and studied architecture at The Cooper Union in New York City. She graduated with a BA in Art from University of California Santa Cruz. She has taught painting at Stanford University and drawing at California College of the Arts. She was the Founder/ Creative Director of The Young Artist in Residence Summer Program at the Montalvo Arts Center in Saratoga California. Her work has been featured in Art in America, the San Francisco Chronicle, Art Practical, Wallpaper Magazine, the Huffington Post, Artdaily, ArtSlant, Harvard Review, NYTheatre, and Architectural Digest, among other publications. Solomon has exhibited at Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco; Ochi Gallery, Sun Valley; Melissa Morgan Fine Art, Palm Springs; both Chicago, Detroit and Miami branches of N’Namdi Gallery; the Crocker Art Museum, in Sacramento; New York; and Los Angeles.

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Thursday - Saturday, 1-6 pm or by appointment

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