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" W I T H I N E X P A N S E - E X P A N S E W I T H I N "

A Window to the Essence of the Pacific Northwest

Pendulum Gallery Exhibition July 14th – August 2nd, 2008

HSBC Building, 885 West Georgia Street, Vancouver BC.

Sunshine Coast artist Marleen Vermeulen is preparing for her mid-summer art exhibition "Within Expanse - Expanse Within, A Window to the Essence of the Pacific Northwest". Her solo exhibition will be held from July 14th – August 2nd at the Pendulum Gallery, HSBC Building, 885 West Georgia Street, Vancouver BC.

Marleen Vermeulen has explored the world of art in many dimensions. Her roots are European. In The Netherlands, she graduated from The Design Academy in Eindhoven and The Academy of Fine Arts in Utrecht.

In the 1980's and early 90's Marleen enjoyed an extensive, international and award winning career in graphic design before settling in Canada on the Sunshine Coast with her family in 1994. There, she finally had the opportunity to focus on her art. The natural beauty of the Pacific West Coast was and remains a great inspiration.

Earlier work consisted mostly of oil-based abstracts. Out of a desire for form and accuracy, Marleen started to focus on the human body and created a series of paintings expressing the connection between emotion and body language. For the past two years, she has focused on a series of oversized oil paint canvasses expressing the beauty and spirit of the Pacific West Coast. The sheer scale of the canvasses and the texture of the oil paint amplifies the effect of natural expanse.

When asked about her inspiration for "Within Expanse, Expanse Within, Vermeulen commented on the overwhelming sense of expanse she enjoys, a gift from living on the West Coast. Originally born and raised in Europe, she has never experienced this before.

"Every single day, I am aware of the greatness, openness and natural beauty when I view the ocean and North Shore Mountains, or on my kayak trips and daily runs through the West Coast rainforest.

This natural expanse creates serenity in me,—Expanse Within, the space I need from the business of life to find myself. My inspiration to paint this series was born out of a belief that I have the opportunity to share this space with you through my art."

The opening reception and an opportunity to meet the artist will be on Thursday night, July 17th, 6 pm until 8 pm.

For more information and a full surround online video of Marleen's previous exhibition, please check out her website at www.marleenart.com.

If you would like to make an appointment for an interview with Marleen, please contact Charlene SanJenko at 604 741 7985 or e-mail her at charlene@csi4achange.com.