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I Have Become Crookedly Whole.



Water Into Water.



Ananta (Infinite).

## WORKS IN SERIES

*Nature of Mind & Elemental Soul*

LORI LANDAU

ON VIEW:

November 16 – December 14, 2012

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The New York Open Center Gallery is pleased to present **Works In Series** by photographer and painter, Lori Landau. Lori Landau's two series, *Nature of Mind* and *Elemental Soul* explore the intimate connection between meditative and creative states. Through her painting and camera lens, nature manifests as a visual poem. This body of work illuminates the impressionistic essence of water, trees, wind and the soul within. With a deep reverence for the natural world, Landau captures that instant of the enigmatic spirit of her surroundings.

In the *Elemental Soul* series, nature becomes a medium for meditation and a conduit of light. As a long-time practicing yogi and meditator, Landau is inspired by the Buddhist concept of interconnectedness. She is fascinated with intuitive, subliminal states, an interest that leads her to seek dreamlike thresholds that link creativity and meditation. This focus takes her work to the edge of abstraction, impelling the viewer to reorder preconceived notions of the seemingly familiar. A spiritual nomad at heart, her photographs symbolize her exploration of sacred mystery.

In the *Nature of Mind* series, Landau began to document how agitation and meditation express themselves via her camera and paintbrush. Exploring the patterns of her emotions, these black & white photographs and paintings intuitively map the yin and yang of both light and what many cultures call "the shadow side." This led her to a creative contemplation of the expression of different states of mind and how they mirror nature. Though these works are abstract, Landau began to notice watery faces and features floating up from the surface of many of her photos and paintings, supporting her belief in the very personal mystery that lies beneath the seemingly random surface of everything. This is the artist's 2<sup>nd</sup> solo exhibition at the gallery.

**Works In Series** is curated by Lola C. Shepard

**BIO:**

Writer, artist and photographer Lori Landau has been published in a variety of magazines as well as online venues. She has exhibited her art in several group and solo shows. Her concept-driven and interdisciplinary work spans a range of mediums, including but not limited to photography, collage, and drawings, as well as poetry. She is certified to teach yoga and meditation, and her practice is fundamental to her inspiration. She regularly uses her art and words as a platform to raise consciousness about both global and meta issues, writing for her own blog; [www.consciousnesscreativity.com](http://www.consciousnesscreativity.com), as well as the women's section of Technorati.com.

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**About the New York Open Center Gallery**

Re-established in 2010, the New York Open Center Gallery exhibits both emerging and mid-career contemporary artists whose body of work primarily focuses on world culture, spirituality, psychology and holistic consciousness. [www.opencenter.org/gallery](http://www.opencenter.org/gallery)

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**Gallery Hours:** Mon - Fri | 11am - 6pm