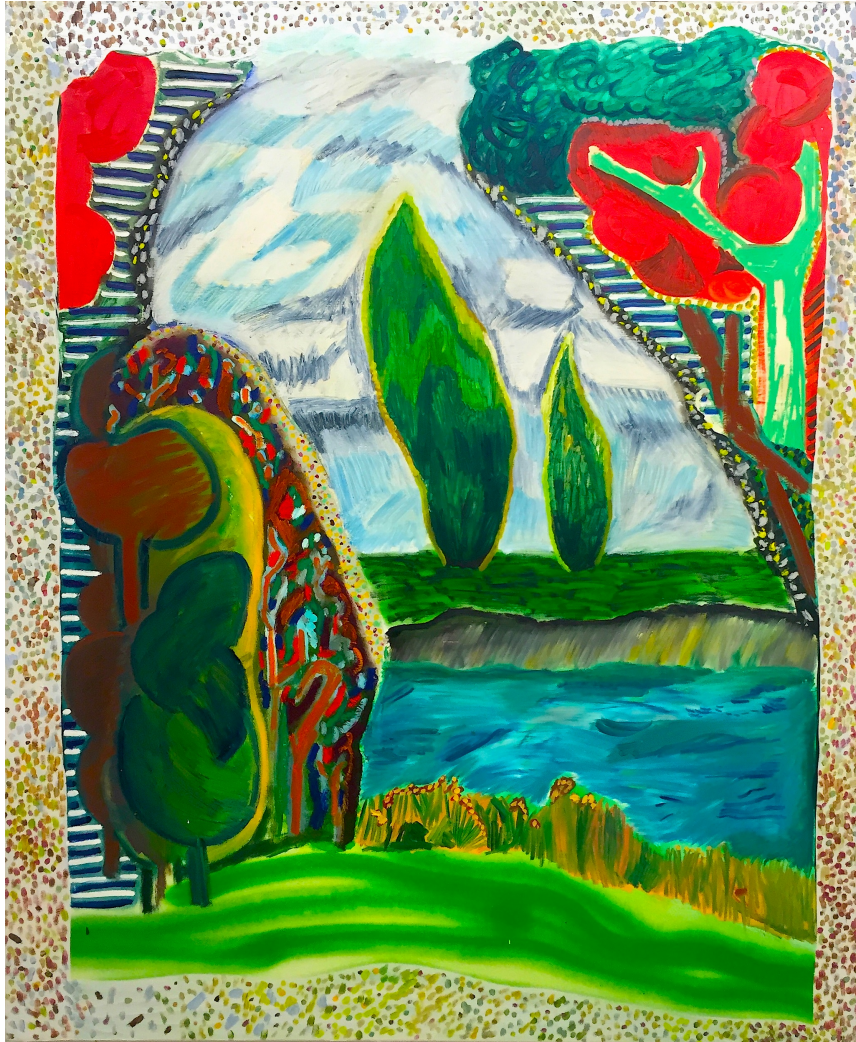


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Shara Hughes ***HERE & THERE***

June 18 – July 31, 2016

Opening Reception – June 18, 1-5PM

Artist Talk – 2:30PM

One River School of Art & Design is thrilled to present “Here & There”, a solo exhibition of paintings by the artist Shara Hughes. In “Here & There”, Hughes continues to charge her landscapes with a psychological space that is at once perplexing, fanciful, and rich in its dialogue with western and non-western painting. “We are thrilled to have Shara engage

with our community,” says Matt Ross, Founder of One River School. Ross continues, “Shara embraces exactly what we look for in emerging artists. She is fearless and has a voice of her own. At the same time, her style is built on

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top of historically important themes in painting with a contemporary twist that we think makes her extremely relevant today.”

About the paintings in the show, Hughes writes:

“The work comes out of a desire to make connections and have a full awareness of what you are seeing, while at the same time being aware of the edge. “Here & There”, “points to existing inside the body and mind as you look at these paintings. The work becomes about invention, imagination, and accessing a sense of freedom in a place that is real and unreal.”

“I moved to Brooklyn about two years ago and started making landscapes soon after. I don’t think it had anything to do with moving to a very large city, or out of a less populated city. The work I was making before wasn’t about an actual place either. Looking back to when I first started showing in 2005, I think all the work was placeless, although I have always been making interiors in one way or another.

Sometimes more literal than others, the viewer may be looking around for something, over an object or through one plane to another. This distance gives the viewer the choice of moving in and out of the image and surface while at the same time being aware of the edge. The attention to the border gently reminds us that we are inside and outside of this place. You know you are outside of this landscape but somehow you feel like you are inside it as well. The work becomes about invention, imagination, and accessing a sense of freedom in a place that is real and unreal.

The work in gallery (2) dives further back into my own history of making paintings. You will find the early interiors focus on symbolism and playful mark making. Moving from interiors to figure works, the paintings become a little more narrative but still hold onto this idea of psychological piecing together.”

Shara Hughes

Shara Hughes (b. 1981, Atlanta, GA) received a BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design in 2004, and has studied at the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture. In 2013, Hughes exhibited painting and sculpture at the Atlanta Contemporary Arts Center. Then in the following year, 2014, she had a solo show of paintings at the Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia (MOCA, GA). In February 2016, Hughes had a solo exhibition at Marlborough Gallery.

One River School of Art and Design

Founded by Matt Ross in September of 2012 “one river” west of New York City, One River School of Art and Design has embarked on a mission to change art education in America. In a short window of time, our innovative art school in Englewood, NJ has taught thousands of students and established “a new direction in art education.” One River School’s exhibition program is dedicated to presenting contemporary artwork from some of the most compelling emerging artists in the world.