



# ALIGHT

AILI SCHMELTZ / LAURA VANDENBURGH

FEB 16- MAR 14 | ARTIST RECEPTION: SAT FEB 27, 5-7PM

CLARK ART TALK: AILI SCHMELTZ, MAR 3, 7PM

The Archer Gallery presents *Alight*, an exhibition of works on paper by artists Aili Schmeltz (Los Angeles) and Laura Vandenburg (Eugene, Oregon). Somewhere between the physical and the ephemeral, both artists explore concepts of place through drawing and painting on paper.

Aili Schmeltz's drawings are part of *La Fuente de la Vida*, an international collaborative art project centering around the Fountain of Life in Monterrey, Mexico. These drawings tell the story of the fountain's fall from grace in the eyes of the city, and the fictional journey of the fountain's characters as they search for a new place for their monument and home. This narrative parallels Mexico's declining reputation within the international community during the outbreak of the Swine Flu epidemic, the ongoing drug cartel, and United States / Mexico border conflicts. This project seeks to foster a creative and collaborative reexamination of culture through place.

Laura Vandenburg's paper works are fictional lands that develop and unfold throughout her working process. Hinting at landmasses, pools, and mountain ranges, Vandenburg created her works as if they were actual places developing, without a predetermined plan and with each aspect leading into the next unexpected creation. Her process and concept look at place as a transient moment in time and as a situation rather than a location.

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