



ANCESTRAL MINDSCAPES

SEPTEMBER 13 – OCTOBER 25, 2019

TANGLED ART GALLERY
401 RICHMOND ST W S 122

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ABOUT THE EXHIBIT

Ancestral Mindscapes is an autobiographical collaboration using video, sound and photography to explore the intersection of madness, indigeneity, colonialism, environmental destruction and the healing power of nature.

Ancestral Mindscapes is a visual narrative of pain, resilience, and hope. Unearthing the past is a difficult journey of unforeseen events, reflection, and realization. Ancestral landscapes, haunting spaces, and healing waterways invites one to dance with the unknown.

Ancestral Mindscapes is a collaboration between Rick Miller; Jules Koostachin; and Geneviève Thibault.

The artists would like to acknowledge grants they have received from the Ontario Arts Council as well as the Workman Arts Norman & Marsha Paul Family

EVENTS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS

EXHIBITION DATES:

September 13 - October 25, 2019

OPENING RECEPTION:

September 13, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

ARTIST TALK & SECOND SATURDAY SOCIAL:

October 12, 2:00-4:00 pm

LOCATION:

Tangled Art Gallery S-122
401 Richmond St. W

RENDEZVOUS WITH MADNESS FILM

SCREENING:

October 12, 2019

PRESENTED BY:

Workman Arts

LOCATION:

AGO's Jackman Hall
317 Dundas St W



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ABOUT THE ARTISTS

RICK MILLER

Rick Miller self-identifies as Mad and in discovery of his Indigenous ancestry. He has a Master of Fine Arts in Documentary Media, using photography and video to create Mad Art. Rick's mental illness first manifested when he was a teen living near the town of Gaspé. Now using Mad Art to make sense of his Madness, Rick created Ancestral Mindscapes in an attempt to come to terms with the suicidal impulses he still struggles with. By returning to his ancestral homeland Rick hopes to reconcile his memories of an idyllic childhood with the depressed teen who was obsessed with thoughts of suicide.

JULES KOOSTACHIN;

Cree from the ancestral lands of Moshkeko, and a band member of Attawapiskat First Nation, Jules was born in Moose Factory, Ontario where she was raised by her Cree grandparents, as well as with her mother in Ottawa. In 2010, she completed a MFA in Documentary Media at Ryerson University, where she was awarded an Award of Distinction and an Academic Gold Medal. She is a PhD candidate at the University of British Columbia with a focus on Indigenous documentary practices. Jules' company VisJuelles Productions Inc., has a number of projects in development, and her youth series AskiBOYZ is currently airing on APTN. She released her second CBC documentary OshKiKiShiKaw: A New Day in the spring of 2019. Jules has been working with Indigenous communities for many years, supporting Indigenous women and children who face barriers. Her practice sheds light on socio-political issues that urban and rural Indigenous peoples face.

GENEVIÈVE THIBAUT

Geneviève Thibault's interest in humanity and culture first led her to study and work in the field of tourism. Curious and addicted to travel, she developed a great love for people's stories. Gradually, travel introduced Geneviève to the art of photography and photography became a pretext for traveling. After moving back to her hometown, Matane, Québec, she completed a photography program at Cégep de Matane, and then a multidisciplinary bachelor's degree at Université Laval. Combining ethnological and artistic approaches, the photographic projects Geneviève creates start with observing reality and become a subtle interpretation of the world that surrounds her. She is interested in the proximity of the Other and this interest leads her to question her own life's narrative. Geneviève is particularly captivated by the quotidian, the ways we inhabit daily life and occupy space, and the traces left by culture. Her work, which often combines photography and sound, has been exhibited in solo and group shows in Canada and Europe.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on Ancestral Mindscapes, the featured artists, and Tangled Art + Disability, visit tangledarts.org or find Tangled Art + Disability on social media at [@TangledArtsTo](https://www.instagram.com/TangledArtsTo) and [@Tangled_Arts](https://www.instagram.com/Tangled_Arts).

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