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Gerri Saylor: *Evanescent*

October 5, 2012- January 31, 2013

Saturday Family Art Workshop: Gerri Saylor, September 29,
11 AM – 1 PM

Artist-in-Residence: September 26 – October 5

Artist Reception and Gallery Talk: October 5, 7 PM

Missoula, MT / August 8, 2012 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM) / The installation *Evanescent* in the Travel Montana Lobby in the Andrew Precht Addition of the MAM was created by Moscow, ID artist Gerri Saylor. Saylor created the site-specific work in response to her study, exploration, and understanding of Glacial Lake Missoula. Appropriately, the title *Evanescent* is defined as, “Ephemeral or transitory, likely to vanish quickly like vapor” and expresses exactly the essence of the installation.

Saylor designed the work specifically for MAM and speaks of the inspiration. “At play was an impulse to create an installation evocative of trickling water and crystalizing ice. Conceptually, I hoped to allude to fluidity as a metaphor for time – the barely perceptible moments, intermingling like water and ice as they seep, melt, and flow into the interstices of our lives”.

To that end Saylor has constructed, assembled, and suspended over three thousand fused hot glue and monofilament strands. Each strand is suspended throughout the MAM lobby from a structure high above, evoking water, ice and a sense of cascading. Because of the sheer length of the strands, one next to another, the installation is kinetic in nature. The slight and subtle movements of each strand will present the viewer with an ever changing experience with no two moments to be experienced in an identical way.

Saylor will be here for a fall residency and available for interaction with community members of all ages during the installation of the work. Her residency will occur the week prior to the opening and culminate with a reception and artist talk. A video documenting the installation with an artist interview will accompany the exhibition.

The residency and video are supported through the generosity of The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation.

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