

NEWS RELEASE

Leading artists bring the outside inside at Markham's Esperanto Gallery this Fall

Monday, October 18 – A new group show opening this week brings works by established artists and new talent from across the world to Markham collectors and art enthusiasts.

What: **/ 'lan(d), skāp/ : contemporary landscape views**
When: **Opening Night, Friday, October 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM**
Where: **1 Stone Mason Drive, Markham, Units 1 and 2**
Who: **More than 40 artists from North America, Europe and Asia**

The collection includes work from Ontario artist Nicki Traikos. Nicki's watercolour landscapes were inspired by current travel restrictions. "Being unable to travel outside the province due to Covid means we've enjoyed a lot of road trips to explore Ontario."

"Looking out the car window at the changing scenery makes me feel relaxed and energised at the same time," says Nicki. "The changing colours and shapes of sky, clouds, vast fields and tree lines makes me feel in the moment, refreshed and excited."



Nicki Traikos, *Follow the Path*, Mixed Media on Canvas, 2019

Nicki will also be painting live at the Esperanto Gallery as part of the new show. "By working live for gallery visitors, I let them share the experience of creating – and I hope they'll be inspired to pick up a brush themselves."

Esperanto Gallery Director and Experimental Artist Stacey MacNevin has a passion for bringing contemporary art and artists to a curious but underserved local community. "When I started the Gallery in January, I wanted to bring never-seen-before art and artists the Markham. Now we have two successful exhibitions under our belt, with works produced by artists from as near as Markham and as far away as Kenya and Thailand."

Esperanto was born out of a desire to create a place for artists to flourish and connect with art lovers and collectors. It's a multi-functional space that welcomes art lovers, artists and the culturally curious alike. It includes a gallery, art studios, a photography studio and photo session location, an event space, a space for community art and a flourishing artisan market.

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