

The Oxbow Gallery
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September 30 - October 24 Reception: October 8, 5-8 p.m. Back Gallery: Lorna Ritz

Lorna is a third-generation abstract expressionist-impressionist painter. Growing up, she sketched rooftops from the top of a three-story tenement building overlooking her city. She witnessed homeless people in the streets below and became politically aware. Years later, she worked with a realist painter at the Art Students League in NYC, but was not convinced by how realistically he wanted her to paint, devoid of emotional expression. When she then studied with her undergraduate abstract expressionist teacher, he changed the course of her "painting-life." Concepts he put forth then continually evolve reminders of her life in the streets from years earlier. Ritz expresses her most passionate realities (the story beneath ordinary everyday life things), producing on canvas much of what people feel when they get religious.

"Through the Trees to the Mountains" 38 X 42" oil on canvas 2021



"August Landscape" 48 X 38" oil on canvas 2021

