

TWO EXHIBITIONS:

Conservatory Files Sandra Campbell

sights and sounds of the
Assiniboine Park Conservatory
and Palm House

Extensions of Death Melissa Coyle

death is an inevitable process
that is essential for life

March 15 - April 27 Opening: Friday Mar 15, 7:30 pm



Sandra Campbell, The Fish Pond

Conservatory Files is a record and collection of the sights and sounds of the century-old Conservatory and Palm House at the Assiniboine Park Conservancy before its permanent closure and demolition in April of 2018. The exhibition represents a culmination of storytelling, poetry, photography and painting that recount and record the magical experiences, beauty, life and history of this garden for posterity. The work explores the loss of the quietness of the Conservatory as a sanctuary of peace and meditation.



Melissa Coyle, Algar Mortis

This series of oil paintings explores the grotesque and beautiful qualities of death. Working from memory and photographs of found roadkill, the shapes, textures, and colours of decomposing animals have been altered to investigate the human attraction to and repulsion from death. Relating the body to the painting process, the wetness and layering of fat, tissue, and cartilage is captured through the viscosity, transparencies, and textures that the medium allows. The paintings include rich, colourful pigments and detailed fur markings to

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Sandra Campbell, Books

create abstract, unidentifiable forms that reference the animal body.

Melissa Coyle is an artist based in Winnipeg, Manitoba whose practice includes painting and drawing. Melissa completed her BFA Honours at the University of Manitoba in 2016 where she was the recipient of several art scholarships. Extensions of Death began as a thesis project and with the generous support of the Manitoba Arts Council, allowed Melissa to expand the series into a larger body of work.



Melissa Coyle, detail, Burst

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