

# ROCHESTER ART CENTER

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## Alexa Horochowski: *Beautiful Sky*

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### OPENING RECEPTION:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 | 5 PM – 7 PM



Rochester Art Center is pleased to present a new exhibition from Alexa Horochowski in the Judy and Burton Onofrio galleries. *Beautiful Sky* takes land based materials that are used in soil and water preservation and transforms them into abstract but somewhat knowable forms. In design and material, the objects are intended to broach the uneasy relationship between ecological sustainability and the market forces that drive industry, farm production, and the politics of environmental stewardship. With sculpture that ranges from monumental to fragile and massive prints created with swirling trash, she helps us look more closely at our physical relationship to the land that we mine, extract and farm.

Based in Minneapolis and an art professor at St. Cloud State, Argentinian born Horochowski grew up the daughter of a Ukrainian-heritage physician. The family moved to the American Midwest as Horochowski became a young girl, so her experience of both North and South America is present in her understanding of land use, environmental sensitivity, commodity farming and other regionally relevant experiences that embody a full sense of contextual sensitivity. Her work has particular resonance for the Southeastern Minnesota region as a site that embraces both agriculture and industry.

Horochowski's practice is informed by both her experience as a child in Patagonia, the daughter of a surgeon whose family encouraged her creativity, an early career as a journalist seeking explanations and answers, her interest in examining, questioning and interrogating how cultural understandings impact nature. Her work articulates current debates concerning climate change, sustainability and the impact of consumer culture on nature in visually arresting new ways.

Exhibition Curator: Sheila Dickinson

### Artist Bio:

Alexa Horochowski is a dual citizen of Argentina and the United States. Horochowski holds a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Michigan and a BA in Journalism from the University of Missouri. She has exhibited nationally and internationally at The Drawing Center, NYC; Braga Menéndez Gallery, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Diverseworks, Houston; Praxis, NYC/Miami;

Minneapolis Institute of Arts, MN; Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL; Franklin Artworks, Minneapolis, MN; Franconia Sculpture Park, Shafer, MN; The Soap Factory, Minneapolis, MN. Horochowski has been awarded two McKnight Visual Artist Fellowships, a Jerome Emerging Artist Fellowship, several Minnesota Artist Initiative Grants, and a Bush Artist Fellowship. Horochowski is a Professor of Fine Arts at Saint Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN.

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