

## For Immediate Release

Art show Aug. 29-Sept. 27  
Artist's Slide Lecture Sept 12, 6pm

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### **Panoramic photographs by Chris Enos at the Firehouse Gallery**

Newburyport, MA – The Gaia Series, a one-person exhibition by photographer and artist Chris Enos will be on view in the Art Gallery at the Firehouse Center for the Performing and Visual Arts in Market Square from August 29th through September 27th.

The Gaia Series is a recent body of work completed by New England artist, Chris Enos after traveling and photographing in the area where New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado meet, known as the "Four Corners." Enos spent four years working on this project, and this will mark the first time this work will be seen in the New England area.

These hand painted black and white photographs provide sweeping panoramic views of the majestic southwestern landscape from sky to earth. Using a Widlulux camera, Enos captures a non-traditional vertical panorama, a unique use of a format that most would use horizontally. This method of seeing presents a view that cuts through the unending horizon and offers a narrow slice of the land, a perspective that is simultaneously awe-inspiring and peaceful. Enos adds to the elements that she captured with the camera by painting with oils directly onto the surface of the photographs. This provides the images with a more smooth, flowing painterly quality with subtle color and texture, adding to the underlying realism of the photographs.

The Gaia Series marks a departure from the type of work Enos has typically concentrated on over her many years as an artist: "I finally just needed some space. I needed to get closer to nature and get my balance back. The southwestern landscape is very powerful and humbling. Life and nature make so much sense to me."

In conjunction with the exhibition, Chris Enos will present a slide lecture representing her work for the past twenty-five years on Tuesday, September 12th at 6pm at the Firehouse Art Center's Theater. A reception will follow the lecture.

Chris Enos received a MFA in photography from the San Francisco Art Institute and a BA in Sculpture from San Francisco State University. She has received numerous grants, awards and fellowships including a photography fellowship  
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from the National Endowment for the Arts. For the past ten years, she has taught photography at the University of New Hampshire, and has also taught photography at Harvard University, UCLA, Boston University, and Rhode Island School of Design, among others. She has had many one-person and group exhibitions throughout the United States and Europe, and her work is included in numerous collections including the Biblioteque Nationale in Paris, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Polaroid Corporation, the George Eastman House, and the J. Paul Getty Museum. Her work has also been included in many photographic books and publications, both in the United States and in Europe.

Gallery hours at the Firehouse Center for Performing and Visual Arts are 10am to 4pm Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 4pm on Sunday. The Firehouse is wheelchair accessible.

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