

Melissa Lang | Artist Statement

My work explores the realm of nature that can't be seen but is felt under the surface of perception. Exploring the phenomena of nature as a means of understanding human nature, I create a world that is more about my life experience and reaction to nature than the actual portrayal of nature itself. It provides the impulse for my creative pursuit of a visual language that investigates philosophical tensions between rational and irrational thought, between appearance and reality and between my will and the painting's requirements. Ultimately, I am taunted by an elusive ideal that remains forever beyond reach, but keeps me forever reaching.