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Jane Olin, "Intimate Conversation 31 Aurora Luna" (2021).

JANE OLIN—In the Company of Trees

Los Gatos, CA -- January 15, 2022 -- New Museum Los Gatos presents a new portfolio of photographic images of trees by artist Jane Olin—titled "Intimate Conversation"—crafted through alchemical darkroom processes. ***JANE OLIN—In the Company of Trees***, curated by Helaine Glick, is on view at New Museum Los Gatos Jan 14, 2022 – Jun 5, 2022 in the Spotlight Gallery. Olin's striking, dreamlike lens on California's iconic trees aligns with that of other great historic photographers who have captured this landscape, and compels the viewer to confront the urgency of the climate crisis in our time.

"Many of us have a favorite memory of walking in the woods in California, experiencing the majesty of trees," says NUMU Executive Director Ami Davis. "Jane's photographs are

dreamlike, capturing trees' personalities and nobility. Viewing Jane's photographs reminds us all about our intertwined relationship with nature."

Trees have played a meaningful role in Jane Olin's life since childhood. But now because of climate change and human mismanagement, they are threatened across the globe. With renewed curiosity and a sense of urgency, Olin embarked on a wide-ranging photographic exploration of trees. *In the Company of Trees* features work from that undertaking—including the most recent additions to her series, *Intimate Conversation*. Olin's expressive approach and her innovative process prints reveal a haunting and singular perspective on trees. The exhibition also challenges our conception of trees, offering new, eye-opening information about their propensity for communication, pseudo-social relationships, and ecological gravity.

Jane Olin has studied with some of the founding artists of traditional West Coast photography, but she has unquestionably forged her own distinctive path. Her current work takes shape in the wet darkroom, but differs from the traditional gelatin silver process by introducing unorthodox ways of working with the processing chemistry. Her methods open the door to creative exploration, and provide her with an opportunity to work in a collaborative and intuitive way with each piece. The resulting prints are lyrical, dynamic, complex and full of mystery.

Major support for NUMU's exhibition *Jane Olin—In the Company of Trees* provided by the Town of Los Gatos, and an anonymous donor.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Jane Olin has lived and worked as a photographer in California's Monterey Bay area for over 30 years. Living at the epicenter for the West Coast photography movement, she learned the skills and tenets of the historic Group f/64 from the assistants and students of Ansel Adams. She participated in workshops with Ruth Bernhard, John Sexton, Joyce Tenneson, Brian Taylor, Martha Casanave, Holly Roberts, and Christopher James. Jane Olin is the recipient of numerous jurors' awards, including a first place from Roy DeCarava in the Juried Photography Exhibition at Pen and Brush Gallery in New York. Her series *Site Sight Unseen* was featured in a two-person exhibition at the Center for Photographic Art in 2016. In 2018, the Triton Museum of Art hosted *Beyond My Reasonable Self*, a solo exhibition featuring work from the series *Site Sight Unseen* and *Intimate Conversation*. Olin founded Salon Jane, a women's

photography collective, in 2014. New work from *Intimate Conversation* was highlighted in *The Ethereal Zone* at the Monterey Museum of Art in 2018 and in *Present Tense* at the Center for Photographic Art in 2020.

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ABOUT NEW MUSEUM LOS GATOS

New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU), formerly The Museums of Los Gatos founded in 1965, is a public non-profit art and history museum. NUMU's mission is to engage the community at the intersection of art, history, and education through innovative, locally connected and globally relevant exhibitions, programs, and experiences.

NUMU is now open for in-person visits.

Open hours:

Thursdays: 3 PM - 8 PM | Fridays - Sundays: 10 AM - 4 PM.

Admission fees:

General: \$10

Seniors, students, veterans (with valid ID): \$6

FREE: essential workers, Los Gatos residents, members, youth under 18 years of age, families of up to 4 (with a current EBT card and valid ID), active-duty military personnel and their families.

Masks are required and social distancing is observed.

NUMU is located at 106 E. Main Street, Los Gatos, CA 95030 in the Los Gatos Civic Center Plaza.

Visit: <https://www.numulosgatos.org/exhibitions-2/2022/jane-olin-in-the-company-of-trees>