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FOREVER-YOUR-FRIEND

“Greetings from places you haven’t heard of, from a friend who misses you! From that very particular magical place you hunt for in your dreams, through trapdoors and ladders, waterfalls and dark woods, real enough you wake up remembering the place you never found. Or at least, the strange longing.” –Meghan Hildebrand

Dab Gallery, Victoria's newest contemporary art gallery, invites you to experience Meghan Hildebrand’s newest show “Forever-Your-Friend” from May 2 to May 30, 2009.

Over the past ten years, Hildebrand’s work has evolved from simple and squarely structured to what she calls “landscape-exploded.”

“This is the place where all my personal symbols have come to mingle and converse. Animal ghosts happily inhabit our ruins. Trees take root below basements, offering cities to the sky,” says Hildebrand.

Working from her Powell River studio, a tornado of paper scraps, paint, tools, books, sewing and music, Hildebrand creates mixed media works which challenge the viewer to look more closely at the trade offs between commerce and nature, the incomes and outcomes of our social choices,” according to Barry Dumka of Snap Contemporary Art in Vancouver.

“Hildebrand wants to engage in a bit of social commentary through her artwork. To be Noam Chomsky with a hard brush and tubes of colour. Looking (down) at these tightly intricate spaces, with their layers of form and colour, diagrammed as dense as the Tokyo subway or a Rio slum or even Vancouver’s Yaletown – name your favourite tuna can construction – the viewer feels pressed tight, crowded in by colours and shapes, pieces and more pieces of the urban puzzle.” says Dumka

Dab Gallery is Victoria's newest contemporary art gallery located in historic Chinatown's Dragon Alley in the Design District of Victoria. Dab features a collection of works by both emerging and established artists using a variety of media including painting, sculpture, ceramic, glasswork and mixed media.

Since its opening in December 2008 Dab has been active in the community. It was a venue for the Converge event of the 2009 Victoria Film Festival and is a major sponsor of the 2009 Human Rights DocFest.

"Forever-Your-Friend" debuts at 2-6pm, Saturday, May 2 at Dab Gallery in Victoria, found in Dragon Alley, at #6, 532 1/2 Fisgard Street.