

## Lisa Murzin, photographer & documentary filmmaker

**Bio:** Murzin is an active member of Ontario Society of Artists, and Gallery 44, Centre for Contemporary Photography. Murzin holds a Humanities diploma, Bishop's University, Quebec, Certificate in Still Photography from Ryerson University and graduate certificate Seneca-York Non-Fiction Media Program. She transitions comfortably between her personal and professional photography work, between black & white and colour images and between film and digital technologies. Drawn to the slow time and solitary space of her darkroom, Murzin sees making prints as a meditative practice that manifests in her final images. No matter what the medium, Murzin's images foreground transition: the time and space between states and subjects. Her photographic studies have included abandoned buildings and adolescents on the precipice of adulthood. An award-winning photographer, Murzin has participated in solo and group shows in Canada and internationally since 2007.

*'Fermented Rock'* explores our memories as a mineral being.

If I was an element, I would be the earth. I have always felt connected to the land. As a child and into my teenage years, the dog days of summer were spent on my aunt and uncle's farm. These memories carried into a photography project documenting farmers. I've explored the transition of abandoned structures reclaimed by the natural environment.

And now, I feel these threads are weaving into stories about our biological connection to the land. The forest is a healing and spiritual place that in my imagination, I go to. I often wonder what trees, rocks, the soil itself have witnessed. Do they remember? Can we remember? Perhaps, the audience can imagine an organic lifetime that then becomes a pathway to opening a deeper connection to the earth, its sustenance and its protection.

I want to be a part of Broken Forest 'The Embrace' by contributing as a photographer and filmmaker. I envision my project experienced in both mediums.

Throughout my career, I have volunteered with various art groups, as a board member, organizing and jurying art shows, and helping my fellow artists. I look forward to participating, contribute and support the fellow artists and aspirations of Broken Forest through this project.

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