

Before the Fall: Reena Spansail

McKinley Arts and Culture Center: **Gallery West**

March 30 – May 8, 2015

Reception: **April 24, 5:00-7:00pm**



McKinley Gallery West hosts new work by University of Nevada, Reno student Reena Spansail. *Before the Fall* features portraits of individuals who imagine their own sense of place. Reena eliminated the context of each portrait as a means to empower individuals that actively attempt to know their own personal landscape. The show title, *Before the Fall*, references the perfect union of man and the landscape in the biblical myth of the Garden of Eden. *"I find the Eden myth particularly useful to describe the nostalgic longing that characterizes our relationship to our landscape."* Spansail creates psychologically loaded images that challenge the viewer to inhabit the same space as the individuals being represented.

Reena Spansail is a life-long resident of the Great Basin. She works primarily in paint, but dabbles in mixed media and ceramics as well. She is a graduating senior from the Art program at UNR, where she studied painting under Mike Sarich. Her work has been shown in Northern Nevada and California. She also exhibited work over the course of her study in Viterbo, Italy. Reena's involvement in the arts extends past studio work: she has interned at both the McNamara Gallery at UNR and at the E.L. Cord Museum School at the Nevada Museum of Art. She will be starting her Master's of Education at UNR in the fall.

McKinley Arts and Culture Center hosts two gallery spaces. Located on the river walk, McKinley Galleries East and West show talented artists from the Great Basin and beyond. To learn more please visit: <http://renoculture.com>

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Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

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