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**Estrangement: *Behind-the-Scenes***

Behind-the-Scenes of the artistic and conceptual process  
funded by an Artist Initiative grant

**An Open Studio Exhibition**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday 6-10 PM, Saturday 12-8 PM, Sunday 12-5 PM**

**Northern Warehouse, Studio #516, Lowertown St. Paul**



Kara Hendershot's new large-scale mixed media paintings and works-in-progress explore the theme of estrangement through storytelling. This open studio exhibition gives a *behind-the-scenes* look at her artistic and conceptual process through finished works, studies, writing, and dialogue.

Hendershot uses a nontraditional painting and drawing layering process to create portraits and figurative reflections of estrangement within personal relationships. This theme stems from the impact of her mother's complications with depression and abrupt departure during her childhood. Hendershot draws upon her own personal experiences to create a larger universal story about indifference and compassion, estrangement and attachment, and loss and hope.

With this inspiring new body of work, Hendershot encourages interaction and conversation with the audience about their own experiences.

Kara Hendershot received an Artist Initiative grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board that allowed the time and resources for her to reconnect with family members and initiate a dialogue with individuals affected by estrangement. This grant provided support for the study, development, and creation of *Estrangement*.

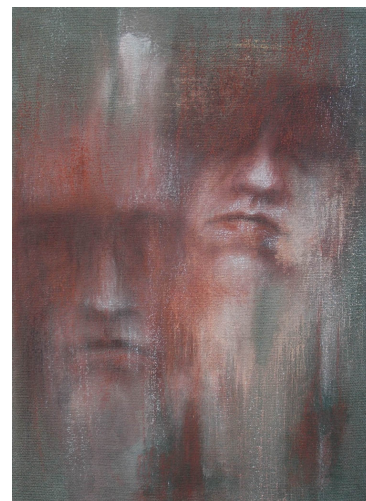
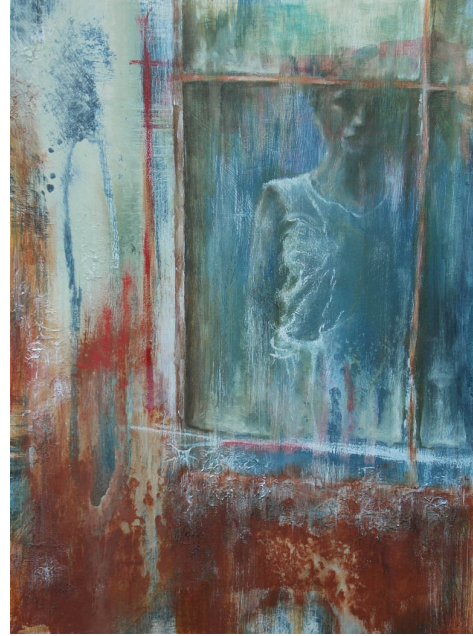
*Kara Hendershot will be exhibiting new paintings, works-in-progress, and studies of her artistic and conceptual process behind this new project at her studio during the fall St. Paul Art Crawl.*

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*About the artist: Kara Hendershot is a local artist residing and working from her studio in Lowertown St. Paul. She is active in the local arts community through exhibiting her work, the development and promotion of local arts organizations, and collaborations with other artists. She has served with local arts organizations including St. Paul Art Collective, Free Arts Minnesota, and Altered Esthetics Gallery in Minneapolis.*

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