

## **Tanya Slingsby New Art Exhibit at Calgary's Weiss Gallery**

**Vancouver, BC (March 23, 2010)** – The Weiss Gallery presents Tanya Slingsby, in a solo artist exhibition of her newest painting series from April 15 to May 15, 2010. This show marks Slingsby's first public exhibit in Calgary, and will include 25 canvases that capture contemporary abstraction and meaning through her signature approach.

"I am delighted to be part of the Weiss Gallery's roster and for Calgary to host the first public exhibit of *ARCANA*, as well, I love the city's bold energy and warm people, of which make it the ideal debut venue," said Tanya Slingsby.

In her new collection, *ARCANA*, Slingsby elucidates aspects of the natural world, the sublime, and the metaphysical. Her explorations of universal existence and connectivity are formalized in three distinct groups of work; each alluding to a mysterious knowledge and language. This body of work acts as an entryway into an ancient dialogue between the natural and eternal realms, our human experience of them and the emotional and spiritual states that result from their communion.

Slingsby adds, "For *ARCANA* I chose to focus on two central themes: how we experience the natural world and how we experience ourselves, as mysterious expressions of infinite universal energy. The series explores various elements, referencing and drawing from the sublime, sacred, and alchemic traditions."

Tanya Slingsby's international clients include interior design firms, architects, boutique hotels, as well as private and corporate collections – most recently for Holt Renfrew Calgary, who are featuring their acquisitions at the upcoming artist's preview event.

**Preview Reception, with Artist in Attendance:** Friday April 9, 2 - 6 pm  
Holt Renfrew "The Art of Fashion"  
Personal Shopping Suites at Holt Renfrew Calgary  
Exhibit will be on display from April 9 – 14

**Opening Reception, with Artist in Attendance:** Thursday April 15, 5 - 8 pm  
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**Show Runs:** April 15 - May 15; Tuesday - Saturday 10 am – 5pm or by appointment

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**About Tanya Slingsby Atelier [www.tanyaslingsby.com](http://www.tanyaslingsby.com)**

Since 2002, Tanya Slingsby has focused on abstraction in painting, creating visual discourses on primordial and ethereal states in nature and the human condition. Using a formalist approach, Slingsby explores the energetic and emotional interplay of colour, texture and surface. Each work is a meditative addition and subtraction, layering polymer resin, pigment and encaustic 'mis en plat'. Tanya completed her Bachelors Degree with Honours in Fine Arts and History of Art at the University of Victoria and holds a Masters Degree in Aesthetics and History of Art by scholarship from the University of Sussex, UK. Tanya Slingsby works from her atelier gallery in Vancouver, BC Canada.

**About Weiss Gallery [www.theweissgallery.com](http://www.theweissgallery.com)**

The Weiss Gallery is a showcase for craft-intensive, descriptive art. The Weiss Gallery represents a dynamic group of artist whose varying approaches to painting, drawing, photography, and sculpture pay respect to time-honoured methods of artmaking. With an eye on history and old world aesthetics, these artists have found a beautiful expression within a contemporary vision and context.