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## **Traces & Transformations: New Work by Stephanie Kossmann**

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (July 31, 2025) – ARTSPLACE Gallery welcomes “Revelations,” a solo exhibition by Annapolis Royal-based artist Stephanie Kossmann. This intimate collection of assemblages offers a preview of a larger, evolving body of work that will unfold in future exhibitions titled “Remnants and Revelations,” planned for 2026 and 2027.

The works in “Revelations” are composed of copper wire and sheet, carved and unaltered wood, and a range of organic and human-made materials. Surfaces are marked by natural and intentional patinas, evoking the passage of time and layers of embedded history. The quiet scale and subtle movement of these pieces stand in contrast to Kossmann’s expansive abstract oil paintings in development. These paintings, which resemble archaeological excavations, layer, conceal, and reveal dramatically transformed landscapes.

“This exhibition offers a compelling glimpse into an evolving body of work that bridges material exploration and emotional resonance,” said Gallery Director Sophie Paskins.

Stephanie Kossmann is a contemporary visual artist who was born in 1969 in New Jersey, USA, and raised in a coastal Massachusetts town. She has also lived and worked in Ontario and Vermont. Her work explores the shifting relationships between memory, perception, and mood, using colour to evoke sensations such as temperature, texture, scent, and atmospheric presence.

Kossmann’s process involves oil paints, etching inks, and cold wax, allowing her to create both luminous and opaque surfaces. She works primarily with her hands, engaging in a tactile process of building and removing layers to reveal rich textures and dimensional qualities. In her portraiture, she applies the philosophy of appreciative inquiry, highlighting her subjects’ inner lives and strengths. This approach encourages viewers to look beyond surface details and focus on potential and resilience.

*Stephanie Kossmann’s “Revelations” opening reception Sat. September 6, 2025, 12-2 p.m. Light refreshments served, all welcome. Exhibition continues through October 25.*

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ARTSPLACE Gallery is located at 396 St. George Street in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

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