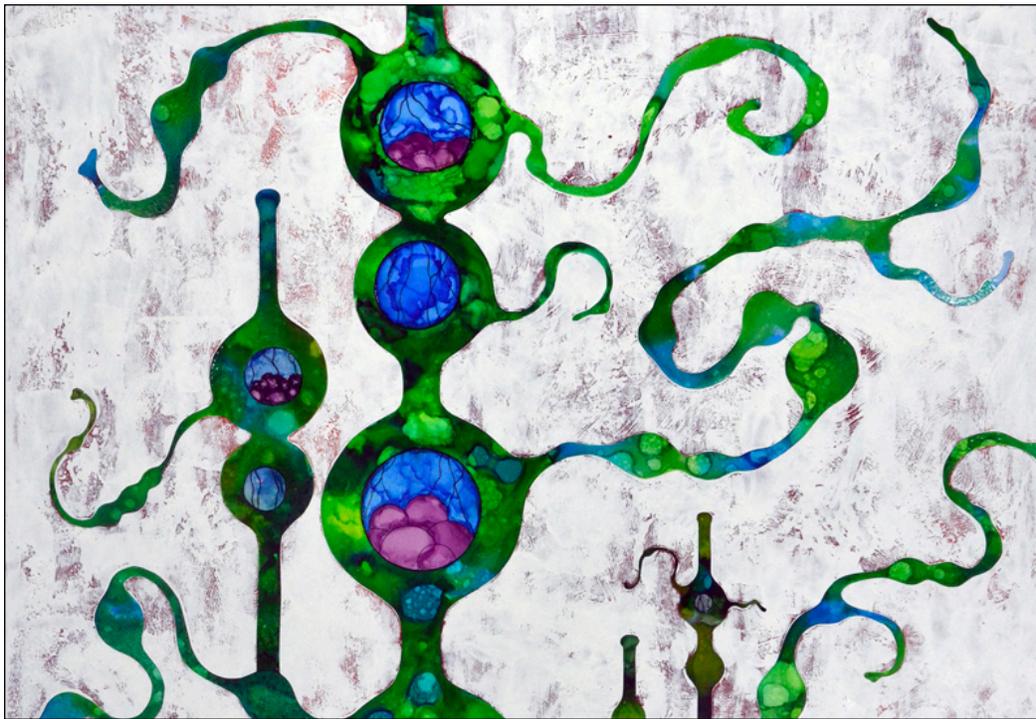


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Synapse by Laura Latimer Opens September 17, 2016 at JCB Gallery



Austin, TX – Julia C. Butridge Gallery at the Dougherty Arts Center announces the opening of *Synapse*, a solo exhibition by Laura Latimer. The exhibition will be on view from September 17 through October 15, 2016. Public events include an Austin Museum Day gallery talk at 2 pm on Sunday, September 18 and an opening reception on Wednesday, September 21 from 6-8 pm. *Synapse* focuses on a new body of paintings and installation works that explore the intersection of art, science and philosophy.

As we navigate an increasingly oversaturated environment, meaningful experiences can be lost in the confusion. Likewise, our willingness to be bored or simply sit and daydream is quickly diminishing. Synapses are structures that allow nerve cells to pass signals throughout our nervous system. This process serves as a symbolic departure point for a visual exploration of thought, dream, and memory by combining elements referencing the manmade industrial world with biomorphic forms that may exist only in the imagination. Natural processes, communication methods, and human marks of development inspire scenes of interconnected layers and multiples. Large-scale installations use materials in non-traditional ways to open a discussion of the world we intend to pass forward.

About the Artist:

Laura Latimer lives and works in Austin, Texas. As a founding member of *ars ipsa* collective, Laura constructed site-specific installations primarily from recycled cardboard. In 2012, she established a solo practice combining textural painting with the volume of sculpture. Laura's work has been shown in Texas and at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art in Indiana. Most recently, her *Dispersion* installation was featured at Box 13 ArtSpace in Houston, and her work was selected for an exhibition of women sculptors at Dimension Gallery in Austin.

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