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Alice Parmelee Rich, *Black and White Feather*, 2005  
acrylic on canvas; 12 x 24 inches

## Alice Parmelee Rich

The Gateway Theatre, 6500 Gilbert Road

## *Feathers as Landscapes*

November 21, 2006 – January 15, 2007

This series of paintings *Feathers as Landscapes* are portraits of feathers to honour and explore the nature of connectivity. These paintings are representations of feathers as they relate to and merge into the landscape scenes of which they are a part. The field of view attracts us to consider and reflect upon the singularity of the feather detail versus the environment as a whole. It is the process of the bird reaching its wings out over the landscape, capturing so little of it, yet filling it. Or the wing, the feather, a detail of a solitary feather, so transparent as the light pours through it; the vein becomes the horizon and the shapes merge as land forms. Boundless nature and structural limitations define the atmosphere while combining elements of colour and form. The varied perspectives in this exploration of feathers as a metaphor for landscape provide windows for considering the world of which we are a part. The constant query of how to “connect” finds some resolution through the spirit and process of this art making.

Alice Rich received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of British Columbia and graduated from Emily Carr Institute of Art & Design and has been involved in exhibitions in Vancouver and Victoria. Her art practice has included photography and painting over the past few decades. Alice has been involved in the local arts community and is an active member of several arts organizations. She works in her studios on Gabriola Island and in Vancouver.

Alice Parmelee Rich's exhibition *Feathers as Landscapes* is an Outreach Exhibition coordinated by the Richmond Art Gallery through the Art Access program. For all exhibition, sales or rental inquiries, please contact the Art Access Coordinator, Cecilia Denegri Jette, by phone, fax or email [cdjette@richmond.ca](mailto:cdjette@richmond.ca)

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