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Minna Kantonen 'Urban Vistas : Illusions of Nature'

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From the series Urban Vistas, 2010

Le Lay Architects are please to support The Foundry Gallery and the work of Artist Minna Kantonen. We will be hosting an exhibition of Minna's work in our gallery from 7 February to 27 March.

Stop and think about a tree. Most of us remember a tree from our childhood, climbing or hiding in one. Trees tell us of the seasons and bring us into contact with nature, as well as defining and framing the cityscape. As so many of us live in cities separated from nature and surrounded by the man-made, we attempt to balance this by planting a tree.

The London based Finnish photographer MINNA KANTONEN documents the humble urban tree planted together in groves or alone, well kept or disregarded. Her poignant captivating series of works URBAN VISTAS explores the hyper-real portrayal of nature in the city prompting the question are the trees just an illusion of nature?

Large and smaller scale photographic works presented in a beautiful gallery space just off the Kings Road in the heart of Chelsea.

Biography – Minna Kantonen is a Finnish Artist living and working in London. Kantonen graduated from MA(RCA) Fine Art Photography from The Royal College of Art (2002) and she is currently a Principal Lecturer in Photography at the University of East London.

Her work has been exhibited by the Government Art Collection at the offices of the Department of Culture, Media and Sport. Kantonen was the recipient of Arts Council of South West Finland Grant (2005) for production and publication of 'A Small Book of Trees.' Her work has also been featured in publications including Source, and Photographie.

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