

# Alaska: A Fusion of Realities

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“Alaska: A Fusion of Realities,” reinvents land, ice and water to create an expanded vision of the environment. Images were gathered from a small plane, a boat and by hiking on the surface of a glacier, and include mountain ice vistas, floating icebergs and a calving glacier that speaks to the impact of global warming. The images are structured as multiple layered interpretations of reality that reach into abstraction. I am interested in the power and flow of imagery and its potential to speak to environmental issues within an art context.

The video is the source for my series of digital fusion paintings that begin with the isolation of a video frame and are realized through hands-on manipulation. The surfaces are transformed by drawing, acrylic and glass particle collage. I am most interested in the quality of light as a structural element incorporating the reflective properties of glass.

The position for viewing the piece changes one’s perception of it and reflects its origins as a moving image. The paintings are a fusion of multiple realities birthed from video.

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Through Schneider’s compositional expertise a localized place becomes transcendent space while historical and indexical time freezes and shifts into primordial and immemorial time. The artist’s works transmutes and transforms: the materiality of the world so fervently recorded becomes transubstantiated into the world of pure presence. Materiality becomes immateriality. Through this ideological framework a deep coherence is seen as underlying all phenomena and Nature is the embodiment of an eternal Idea.

## —Artifact Gallery

The video “Alaska: A Fusion of Realities” and related paintings were exhibited at in Solo Show at Artifact Gallery NYC from January to March 2013. Paintings from the series were shown at Elisa Contemporary Art, Riverdale from February to April 2013.

“Alaska: A Fusion of Realities” is on view at the Jacob Burns Film Center in the Jane Peck Gallery from 6:00 pm to close on June 12, 16, 19, 23, and 26.

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