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Rivière du Nord, lente et sinueuse
Oil on canvas
2013
4' x 3'

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Julie Desmarais

BIO

Born in 1976, Julie Desmarais grew up in the Laurentians. She has been living and working in Montreal for the past 15 years. In 1999, she received a BFA from *Université de Montréal*. In 2004, she exhibit solo at the *Musee d'Art Contemporain des Laurentides* and received a grant from the *Conseil de la Culture des Laurentides*. Since then, she's exhibited at various art institutions. She's currently represented by Galerie D'Este (Montreal) where her third solo exhibition will take place in October 2014.

Desmarais has devoted her career to depicting the Canadian landscape. She seeks to capture the intimate character of her surroundings by bringing the foreground up to meet the viewer in a complex play of perspective, including the viewer, in contrast to landscape painting that distances and fences off.

Her mastery of detail and the depiction of disparate elements are impressive, but Desmarais' true talent lies in creating an immersive whole. Her works engage the viewer to bear witness to the personal experience of nature, as a highly complex and ever-evolving phenomenon, encapsulating both the chaos and the order encountered. Her work has been collected, among others, by Loto-Quebec, Fednav Group, Avmor Ltd., Polaris Realty and the *ÉcoMusée du Fier Monde*.

"...I love to be overwhelmed by things greater than me...I paint landscapes...forests, trees, fields and lakes. Their memory grows within me..."