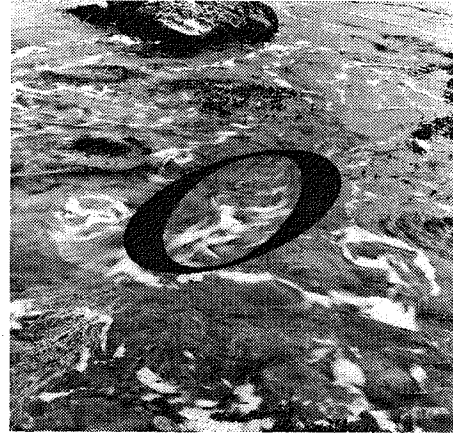




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I became unconscious
an exhibition by **Katherine Knight**
at Presentation House Gallery
May 18 to July 7

I became unconscious is a multi-media installation that explores water as a site of power and transformation; an amorphous milieu where the subtlest realms of the psyche are revealed and -- potentially -- destroyed. Incorporating video projection, photography and sound collage, Katherine Knight's *I became unconscious* draws on images of drowning and water-related disasters to speak of choice, doubt and regret.

I became unconscious examines those moments when the possibility of life-or-death choice exists. It employs images and audio recordings drawn from CBC's archives, including weather reports tracking 1954's Hurricane Hazel and an audiotape of a WWII pilot recounting his experience bailing out over the North Sea in 1943. The title of the exhibition itself is taken from a survivor's recounting of an 1881 shipwreck near London, Ontario.

The artist writes: "This survivor sank, then resurfaced and swam for shore. Yet I wondered about the victims. Did their will to live slip? Did some drown by choice? I began to think about the moments when you choose to keep a car on the road, when you don't let yourself drive off the road, through the guard rails, towards the lights."

Katherine Knight is a former resident of Vancouver and a graduate of the Nova Scotia School of Art and Design and the University of Victoria. Earlier versions of *I became unconscious* have been exhibited at Toronto Photographers Workshop, The Southern Alberta Art Gallery in Lethbridge, and The Banff Centre's Walter Phillips Gallery.

Katherine Knight will discuss her work in a public lecture at Presentation House Gallery on May 18th at 2:15 pm, to be followed by a reception. Free and open to the public.

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