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## **Kelda Martensen: *Something is Shifting***

*On Display at Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios October 7 - 29, 2010*

*Opening Reception: First Thursday, October 7, 6 - 8 pm*

Pratt Fine Arts Center is pleased to present *Something is Shifting*, an exhibition of prints and artist books by Seattle artist Kelda Martensen. The show includes a selection of Martensen's simple yet compelling compositions, which launch the viewer into their own tales and fantasies, and encourage them to make a connection with the work beyond the familiarity of the materials used to create them - paper, ink and graphite.

Martensen approaches her works on paper with a fresh perspective, incorporating photography, collage and drawing to comment on our post-colonial world of cultural interconnectedness and the desire to define home.

Kelda Martensen maintains a studio practice focused in the paper, book and print arts and serves as an arts educator in the greater Seattle, Washington community. She is currently an artist mentor in the schools for Arts-Impact, a program through the Puget Sound Educational Service District, which brings professional artists into the public schools. She also teaches youth and adult studio art classes at Pratt Fine Arts, Moshier, and Sev Shoon Art Centers along with teaching printmaking and book arts for the Continuing Education programs at North and South Seattle Community Colleges. She received her MFA in Visual Art from Washington University in St. Louis.

The Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios showcases the artwork of its instructors, students and renters, demonstrating the quality, strength and range of talent that is cultivated and made possible by programs offered at Pratt Fine Arts Center.

**What: Kelda Martensen: *Something is Shifting***

**Where: Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios, 306 S Washington St, Suite 102, Seattle**

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**Gallery Hours: Fridays and Saturdays, 12 - 5pm and by appointment**

*Pratt's Exhibitions and Lecture programs are sponsored by grants from 4Culture, National Endowment for the Arts, Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs, Silicon Valley Community Foundation and the Washington State Arts Commission.*

Image: Kelda Martensen, *Something is Shifting* (process photo) 2010, woodblock, courtesy of artist.  
High resolution images are available upon request.

### About Pratt Fine Arts Center:

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ethnicities and economic means - through art. Located in one of Seattle's most culturally diverse and economically disadvantaged areas, Pratt fosters creative expression, community and shared inspiration - providing life-transforming experiences through visual arts training. Pratt offers all people who enter its doors the opportunity to make something unique, to change the way they see their world - and the way they see themselves.

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*Since 1976, Pratt Fine Arts Center has offered art classes for everyone and workspace for artists in its equipment-rich facilities in Seattle's Central District. Pratt serves 3,400 students each year and more than 500 working artists use Pratt's affordable studios and equipment.*

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