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If I were you Judith Jurica, Vikki Drummond, Maureen Kaczkowski January 8 to February 20

The Lake Country Art Gallery starts 2022 with the first exhibition, *If I were you*, featuring the work of Judith Jurica, Vikki Drummond, and Maureen Kaczkowski.



Based in Vernon, Judith Jurica uses collage, painting, and stitchery to describe myths, stories, and beliefs involving birds and the ability of humans to morph into bird-like creatures. These curious compositions combine pattern, texture, and line giving the viewer much to enjoy.

Jurica writes, *We continue to cling to hope and rise above, despite our earthly sorrows, illness, grief, and loss. Whether it is rooted in youthful madness or ancient wisdom, I think we have a deep need to hold onto a sense of wonder. I think that is what art is for.*

After spending many years in the Okanagan, Vikki Drummond makes Victoria her home base. Drummond's acrylic and mixed media portraits on paper combine line, colour, and texture, creating a series of work that speaks to the individual and ideas of self.

Drummond says, *Themes of human connections, seen and unseen, dynamics of viewership, identity, and literal and psychological space are what drive my creative will. I use ideas of escape and the notion of elsewhere and symbolic line work to put form to what we cannot touch.*

Maureen Kaczkowski, from Lake Country, uses collage to bring together images and text to discuss technology and popular culture, offering a series of questions for visitors to ponder.

If I were you, Kaczkowski states, *I would start to think deeply about how the inevitable convergence of artificial intelligence and humanity may impact our lives. Will our relationships, society, cultural norms, and political landscapes be forever altered? Can machines and humans co-exist? Will 'human touch' be replaced with algorithm-driven robots? What is the future?*

If I were you is up now at the Lake Country Art Gallery until February 20th.

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