

# Beth Thompson Photography

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Beth Thompson debuts *Possible Perceptions: Exquisite Shards of Nature* this September at Aurum Studios in Athens, GA. The work will be on view from 9/11/14 to 10/9/14.

*Possible Perceptions* are called Possible because the images are of the world, but not in the way we usually see the world. Beth Thompson's art demonstrates it's *possible* to perceive the world in this way. *Possible Perceptions* borrows from systems theory, in which a few simple rules of composition create complex shapes and forms. Often using the 18<sup>th</sup>-century naturalist and explorer William Bartram as a muse and guide, the artist begins by photographing Southeastern landscapes. Taking a single triangular shape from her edited photography, she pieces that triangle together with itself in Adobe Photoshop, like a quilter would create a kaleidoscopic quilt. The result shows the original photograph altered to reveal the microcosm and the macrocosm. In this way *Possible Perceptions* are visual representations of systems, from the microscopic elements that create the environment originally photographed to the galaxy containing the environment.

There will also be an interactive element to the exhibition. A guided tour at [www.beththompsonphotography.com/exquisiteshards/](http://www.beththompsonphotography.com/exquisiteshards/) will take viewers from the art in the exhibition to *Beth's Travels on the Bartram Trail*, the blog post that inspired the pieces.

Beth Thompson is a native of Athens. In 1980 her parents purchased 170 acres of land in Penfield, GA. Growing up, she had the best of two worlds, the energy and culture of a college town and the grandeur and solitude of nature. Although she has spent most of her life in Athens, she has also lived in Helsinki, Finland; Columbus, Ohio; Paris, France; and New York City. In 2011 and again in 2013, Beth was chosen to be a participant in the Atlanta Celebrates Photography

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Portfolio Review. Her work is also collected internationally. Artist Patricia Hamalainen from Helsinki, Finland, says: “No doubt about it in my mind, Beth’s work is brilliant and unique – brainy, complex, but approachable.”

Artist Tours of the work are available Thursdays upon request during normal business hours. Dates available are 9/11/14, 9/18/14, 9/25/14, and 10/2/14. To reserve your tour, call the artist at 706-425-8612 or email her at [beth@beththompsonphotography.com](mailto:beth@beththompsonphotography.com)

Aurum Studios is located at 125 E. Clayton Street in downtown Athens. The hours are Monday through Friday 10-6 and Saturdays 10-5.

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