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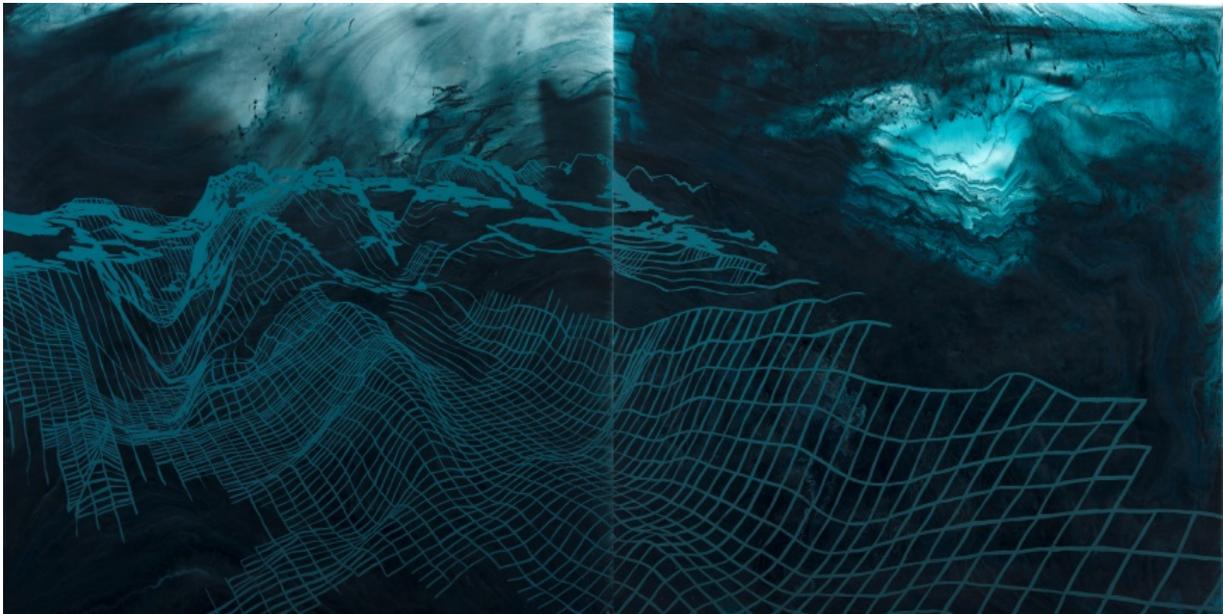
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## Digital Art Exhibition Features Paintings, Video of Sea Floor Using Never-Before-Seen Sonar Mapping Data

Rebecca Rutstein's "Hidden Landscapes" on view at Exploratorium June 18 – September 2

SAN FRANCISCO (June 20, 2016) – "Hidden Landscapes," a video project by Rebecca Rutstein and the Ocean Exploration Trust, will be on view in the Exploratorium's Fisher Bay Observatory Gallery in San Francisco from June 18- September 2, 2016. Artist-At-Sea Rebecca Rutstein was selected by the Ocean Exploration Trust to join Exploration Vessel (E/V) *Nautilus* in July of 2015, as the ship sailed from the Galápagos Islands to California. Rutstein created paintings while aboard the ship, using never-before-seen sonar mapping data of the ocean floor as it was captured in real-time. This digital exhibition features new paintings inspired by the data, including her works created directly on the ship.



Rebecca Rutstein, Galapagos 1, 2016, Acrylic on canvas, 60 x 120 inches; Image courtesy of the artist and Bridgette Mayer Gallery.

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This exhibition also features a video animation, a new endeavor for Rutstein. The animation reveals a hidden world beneath the Galápagos Islands using actual seafloor data of the Galápagos rift zone captured by the E/V Nautilus' multibeam sonar technology. The viewer "flies" through this ethereal landscape, dipping into submarine canyons and coasting over ridges. During this virtual journey, the gridlines of data seem to disintegrate and reorganize, creating an abstract and compelling visceral experience.



*This animation was a collaboration between Rebecca Rutstein and Onni Irish, a Master of Science in Ocean Mapping at the University of New Hampshire, with additional assistance from Erin Heffron and the Vis-Lab researchers at the Center for Coastal & Ocean Mapping/Joint Hydrographic Center (CCOM/JHC), University of New Hampshire. This exhibit uses data provided by the Ocean Exploration Trust's Nautilus Exploration Program, Expedition NA061.*

The museum's summer open hours are Saturday – Thursday from 10 am – 5pm, Thursday evening (18+) from 6 pm – 10 pm, and Friday from 10 am – 10 pm. Please visit [www.exploratorium.edu](http://www.exploratorium.edu) for further information.

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