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Shona Macdonald: *Inscape Paintings*

when: Now through Sat 11.12 (Tue-Fri: 11am-6pm / Sat: 12-5pm)

where: Skestos Gabriele Gallery (212 N Peoria St, 312.243.1112) map

price: ★ FREE

More than fanny packs or white tennis shoes, tourists give themselves away with the maps they consult religiously, often in the middle of crowded city sidewalks. After all, a good map is invaluable when you're in foreign surroundings, offering the assurance that a place can be known and conquered, if only you could figure out which way's north. Shona Macdonald's stunning, topographically inspired paintings of isles, mountains, and shorelines (she's termed them "Inscapes") won't help reorient the lost — the works take too many imaginative left turns to be considered "accurate" — but they do offer fantastic, picturesque, and highly personal interpretations of traditional landscape themes. They're like large-scale postcards from the border between realism and abstraction, shouting to onlookers, "Wish you were here!" (AF)