

## Marina Cruz- Garcia - Embroidered Landscapes

16th October - 9th November

Marina Cruz obtained her Bachelor degree in Painting at the University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts, where she graduated cum laude with most outstanding thesis award in 2003. Her works explores the imagery and realms of memory, history and family through paintings and installations. Some of her works includes casted old dresses, collograph prints, life-size dolls and oil paintings. Cruz's sources of imagery and inspiration maybe private or personal but audience to her art finds the works easy to relate and understand.

Cruz is born at Hagonoy, Bulacan. She currently works and resides in Quezon City in the Philippines

Marina Cruz-Garcia was joint winner of the 2008 Ateneo Art Awards at the Ateneo de Manila University.

The work from her award winning exhibition was shown at the Visual Arts Centre with some earlier prints and 3d work to demonstrate the development of her work. The exhibition featured a number of large photographs on canvas of dresses that had been photographed, printed on canvas, embroidered and then re-photographed. Each image represents the life story of a member of the artists maternal family.

Fig 1- 4 Embroidered Landscape of My Mother's Life: A Biography, 2007. Embroidery and archival ink on canvas. ( with details of the same work)

