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**ARCLINEA BOSTON'S 'ART IN THE KITCHENS' SERIES CONTINUES  
Artist Cecilia Ramos's *In Landscape, From Paint* Begins on Feb. 2  
Sale of paintings to benefit Haitian-relief organization Hands Together**

BOSTON [January 18, 2006] — Arclinea Boston welcomes artist Cecilia Ramos for "*In Landscape, From Paint*," an exhibit of "reconsidered landscapes," beginning Friday, February 2 at the Arclinea showroom, 10 St. James Avenue in Boston.

Inspired by America's vast and varied topographies, Ramos's exhibit emotionally and intellectually explores the immensity—and the subtlety—of planar, desert, and forested landscapes.

Ramos, who studied art and architecture at MIT and Princeton, completes her paintings in two stages: first, immersed in the landscape itself, and later, from within the shelter of her own studio. This shift in working environment allows her to disassociate herself from the actual landscape and interact with the painting in a truly instinctual way.

"When I'm inside the physical environment, I render a representation of the scene before me," Ramos explains. "Maybe not a literal one, but the results either directly or indirectly respond to the lighting conditions, color palette, and forms before me. At this point I try to paint an experience in hope that viewers will emotionally understand the power of the land as I've known it."

When she returns to her studio, Ramos's work continues. She explains: "It's in the studio where my art emerges. I take the painting, my representation of the factual scene, and cut, carve, erase, and remove to reveal a sort of bare boned truth, an artistic intervention and, I hope, a novel contribution to the greater landscape itself."

"Cecilia's dramatic paintings are beautiful and thought provoking," says Arclinea Boston owner Philip Guarino. "We're delighted by the opportunity to present her work."

Ramos is the fourth artist featured in Arclinea Boston's 'Art in the Kitchens' series, established in 2005 to spotlight up and coming artists, designers, and craftspeople. Her exhibit will be the first in the series to benefit a charitable organization, with 20% of the profits for each painting sold during the exhibit going to the Springfield, Massachusetts-based Haitian-aid relief group Hands Together, which supports a variety of projects and programs aimed at improving the quality of life for the very poor in Haiti.

"Hands Together's mission means a lot to me," Ramos explains, "The church I attended growing up supported a Haitian-relief program and many people I knew went to Haiti to take part. They all came back moved by the experience and very supportive of the cause, and the work being done. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and given that the country is in such bad shape right now and the people truly need help and every penny we can give, Hands Together is an organization that I am very excited to support."

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Examples of Cecilia Ramos's art can be previewed at the artist's web site, [www.ceramosdesign.com](http://www.ceramosdesign.com). Her paintings will be on display at Arclinea Boston, located at 10 St. James Avenue in Boston's Design District, beginning February 2, 2007.

Hands Together is a nonprofit organization devoted to educating, inspiring, and encouraging people to understand and respond to the needs of people, especially the poor and disadvantaged. The groups' mission, as they strive to build a more compassionate and human world, proceeds from the spiritual belief that all people are members of one, equal, interconnected family under a loving God. For more information about Hands Together, please visit [www.handstogether.org](http://www.handstogether.org).

Arclinea Boston is the first flagship showroom in the United States for Arclinea—an industry leader in the manufacturing of luxury, contemporary kitchens, designed and coordinated by the acclaimed Italian architect Antonio Citterio. Arclinea kitchens are differentiated by their innovative design, creative technology and exquisite materials. The Boston showroom showcases examples of the entire Arclinea Collection, and offers consumers a full-service, turnkey solution to their kitchen design process.

For more information about Arclinea Boston or about the 'Art in the Kitchens' series, please call 617/357-5777 or visit the Arclinea Boston web site, [www.arclineaboston.com](http://www.arclineaboston.com).

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