

Silver Eye

Gallery Guide
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Meanwhile In Detroit

Edgar Cardenas

About the Artist

Edgar Cardenas spent his childhood in Brodhead, WI, playing in the woods between neighbors' homes and catching snakes along the Sugar River. He completed his Ph.D. in Sustainability at Arizona State University, which included a significant MFA component. To date, he's the only student in his doctoral program to have his work contain both a photography exhibit and a dissertation. A large portion of the latter was on naturalist Aldo Leopold, whom he had never heard of until grad school—despite their homes being just 45 minutes apart. Edgar authored the book *Between Two Pines*, on the need to intersect art and science to address our sustainability challenges. He works very slowly and has a tough time knowing when a project is complete, which makes all his projects long-term projects. Additionally, he suffers from a touch of imposter syndrome. Edgar lives in Detroit with his partner (Sandra), son (Abi), and their 3 dogs (Noodles, Rubble, and Tornado).

Meanwhile In Detroit

Nestled between highways and city neighborhoods, Eliza Howell Park in Northwest Detroit is a wild and evolving landscape where nature coexists with urban life. Making photographs as the seasons of his own family life unfolded, Edgar Cardenas' work asks: What becomes possible when we intentionally cultivate more intimate relationships with the land and its living histories?

Cardenas challenges representations of wilderness shaped by historical U.S. Geological Survey photography and influential 20th-century figures like Ansel Adams. These portrayals often depict nature as pristine and untouched by human presence. In contrast, Cardenas expresses grounded, everyday relationships with the landscape, recognizing it as continuously shaped by both human life and natural time.

Inspired by childhood curiosity, Indigenous knowledge, and the rhythms of seasonal change, *Meanwhile in Detroit* asks how we relate to the natural world, especially in places often overlooked or considered "ordinary." Organized by season, this exhibition reflects the sensory experience of returning to a place over time. It begins and ends with winter, a season that mirrors our present moment: one of reflection, uncertainty, and the quiet possibility of renewal.

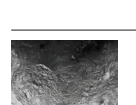
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	Edgar Cardenas	<i>River Rouge Looking North, Winter</i> 2023	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition of 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Winter #2)</i> 2018	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Canine Skull</i> 2018	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Winter #16)</i> 2019	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Winter #6)</i> 2019	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Winter #13)</i> 2023	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Winter #12)</i> 2023	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Sandra and Abi #4)</i> 2021	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100

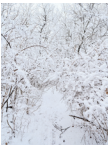



	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Puddle of Ember Sky on Earth — Awaiting the Pregnant Spring</i> 2021	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>River Rouge Looking North, Spring</i> 2018	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Altar to Ostara</i> 2019	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition of 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Spring #7)</i> 2019	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>The Great North American Eclipse</i> 2024	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>And on the Third Day</i> 2023	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Spring #10)</i> 2019	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Spring #18)</i> 2018	Archival inkjet print 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1,200 \$400 \$100

	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Sandra and Abi #3)</i> 2020	Archival inkjet print 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Spring #11)</i> 2020	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Spring #12)</i> 2019	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Spring #15)</i> 2019	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition of 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Spring #14)</i> 2019	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Spring #20)</i> 2018	Archival inkjet print 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Two Small Toads</i> 2018	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Moon Reflecting in Rouge River (Waning Gibbous Phase: 85.9%)</i> 2023	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100

	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Alban Hefin</i> 2019	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>The Great American Eclipse (Sandra and Abi)</i> 2017	Archival inkjet print 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Serpent</i> 2017	Archival inkjet print 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Nindayaa Omaa (I am Here)</i> 2025	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Little Body of Stardust Exploring Origins Under Every Rock, Through Every Crevasse.</i> 2020	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>The Forest Listening to the Wind Whispering</i> 2020	Archival inkjet print 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>The Forest Listening to the Earth Wobbling</i> 2023	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition of 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>"When you were a tadpole and I was a fish"</i> 2023	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100

	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Summer #21)</i> 2023	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>River Rouge Looking North, Fall...</i> 2018	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>"I always wanted to see a god" ~ Abi (on an evening walk)</i> 2016	Archival inkjet print 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Fall... #3)</i> 2016	Archival inkjet print 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Fall... #5)</i> 2016	Archival inkjet print 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Fall... #7)</i> 2018	Archival inkjet print 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Fall... #8)</i> 2018	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Fall... #4)</i> 2018	Archival inkjet print 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1,200 \$400 \$100

	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Fall... #6)</i> 2022	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Fall... #26)</i> 2019	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Fall... #24)</i> 2021	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Sandra and Abi #2)</i> 2018	Archival inkjet print 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Altar to Samhain</i> 2021	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Alban Arthuan</i> 2023	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (and Winter #7)</i> 2023	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (and Winter #11)</i> 2021	Archival inkjet print 40" x 30" - Edition 10 32" x 24" - Edition 15 15" x 20" - Edition 30 10" x 7.5" - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100

	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (and Winter #5)</i> 2023	Archival inkjet print 40' x 30' - Edition of 10 32' x 24' - Edition 15 15' x 20' - Edition 30 10' x 7.5' - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (and Winter #17)</i> 2021	Archival inkjet print 40' x 30' - Edition 10 32' x 24' - Edition 15 15' x 20' - Edition 30 10' x 7.5' - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (and Winter #4)</i> 2023	Archival inkjet print 40' x 30' - Edition 10 32' x 24' - Edition 15 15' x 20' - Edition 30 10' x 7.5' - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (and Winter #20)</i> 2021	Archival inkjet print 40' x 30' - Edition 10 32' x 24' - Edition 15 15' x 20' - Edition 30 10' x 7.5' - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (and Winter #8)</i> 2018	Archival inkjet print 40' x 30' - Edition 10 32' x 24' - Edition 15 15' x 20' - Edition 30 10' x 7.5' - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (and Winter #6)</i> 2021	Archival inkjet print 40' x 30' - Edition 10 32' x 24' - Edition 15 15' x 20' - Edition 30 10' x 7.5' - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Spring #2)</i> 2020	Archival inkjet print 40' x 30' - Edition 10 32' x 24' - Edition 15 15' x 20' - Edition 30 10' x 7.5' - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100
	Edgar Cardenas	<i>Untitled (Fall... #23)</i> 2022	Archival inkjet print 40' x 30' - Edition 10 32' x 24' - Edition 15 15' x 20' - Edition 30 10' x 7.5' - Edition 100	\$1600 \$1,200 \$400 \$100

The exhibition also includes five portfolio boxes containing 108 photographs, selected by the artist from thousands created during this project. In the Vedic tradition, the number 108 symbolizes interconnectedness and the wholeness of existence. The series of boxes begins and ends with winter, evoking the cyclical nature of the seasons and themes of renewal. A list of works in the portfolio boxes is available upon request.

The dimensions listed in the exhibition checklist refer to the image size of each work. Prices stated are for unframed prints. The Lab @ Silver Eye offers affordable archival framing services. Contact us for a quote: lab@silveryeye.org

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