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STATEMENT

Taking poetic license with geology, Laura Moriarty compares her processes in the studio with processes of the earth. The forms, colors, textures and patterns of her sculptural paintings result from forces similar to those that shape and reshape the earth: heating and cooling, erosion, subduction, friction, enfolding, weathering and slippage. Layers of color form the strata of a methodology in which the immediacy of the hand can translate a sense of deep time. Working and reworking molten, richly pigmented beeswax, Moriarty builds each painting or object through a slow, simple yet strenuous physical engagement, which often becomes a metaphor for the ephemerality of life and civilization.

Moriarty's honors include a 2016 Individual Support Grant from the Adolph & Esther Gottlieb Foundation, a residency at the Baer Art Center in Iceland (2016), a Vermont Studio Center Fellowship (2015), two Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grants (2007, 1997), a Frans Masereel Centrum Residency, Belgium (2004, 2000), and a Ucross Foundation Residency (1996). Her work is exhibited widely and has been featured in numerous books and publications, including 'Making the Geologic Now: Responses to Material Conditions of Contemporary Life', edited by Elizabeth Ellsworth and Jamie Kruse (Punctum Books, 2013), The New York Times, Beautiful Decay Magazine, Artillery Magazine, New Art Examiner and The Plain Dealer. She is the author of 'Table of Contents', self-published in 2012.