ABOUT THE FILMS

In this exhibit, the looped video contains two films: Forest Fantasy and streaming.

Forest Fantasy

The music Forest Fantasy, Four Bagatelles for Woodwind Quartet (Solace, Solitude, Staccatissimo, Sojourn) is inspired by F. Brackley Tolman's paintings (Consolations of the Forest, Life Tree, Senescent Ferns, and Autumn in the North). The focus of this film is the forest and flora of the New Hampshire woodlands. A formal composition with a printed score, Forest Fantasy was created first, and the film was scored to the music.



A still from Forest Fantasy

streaming

In the second film, streaming, the center piece is the sound of a stream, which acts as a basso continuo and ties together the very disparate images of Tolman's paintings—from the deeply moving mood of Changing Weather, to the whimsy of I'd rather be under the sea, and the final Arabesque, which is also the title given to particular musical compositions, especially for piano. In contrast to the film Forest Fantasy, the music for streaming has no formal score and was created in response the visual images of the painting and video.



A still from streaming