

TINCTORIUM

/ **BILL MORTON**

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/MAIN SPACE

OPENING

Friday, September 7, 2012
8:00 PM to Midnight

EXHIBITION

September 7 to
October 19, 2012

LOCATION

1004 MacLeod Trail SE
Calgary, AB

/ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Bill Morton is a Calgary-based artist and teacher. His work is collected and shown in the United States, Japan, China and Canada. A graduate of the Alberta College of Art (1967), he studied in Japan from 1969 to 1983 including ten years apprenticing with a Master Dyer.

To read the essay by Mackenzie Frere please visit www.stride.ab.ca

Image courtesy of the artist.

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I cut stencils in mulberry paper and extract dyes from plant materials to produce dyed cloth. A wax resist is applied before brushing plant dyes onto silk fabric in a rich and subtle palette. Motifs and patterns are built up with many layers of dye and wax. My process is open-ended, offering limitless opportunities for exploration of colour and pattern. Each piece reflects a particular state of mind. The techniques I use take time and patience and require focus as unanticipated variations can occur when material, colour, and process coalesce into something new.