



## **BONNY LHOTKA** | Artist Statement

It's often said that perception is reality, though it's really more than just that because we perceive reality across time. That series of moments stitch together to form a landscape of our lives, much as I use individual layers in my images to create works with the depth of time. These layers reflect how light changes both throughout the year and as we move through the world, allowing the viewer to experience this imaginary world from endless new perspectives. As they move through physical space they are transported through visual space into new dreams of reality.

Yet for all that this is an individual experience, we all have shared dreams and a deep natural understanding of the world and how it changes through seasons. I use icicles and crystal patterns to evoke the vapors, etchings and light refractions across recognizable objects captured in the frozen ponds and icy vapor. By manipulating the images through multiple layers, I lead the viewer through a creative narrative that melds my vision with their own experiences to create a unique visual work.

Enjoy this imaginary world frozen in time.