

# Santa Fe Art Institute

## ***For Immediate Release***

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The SFAI Welcomes Painter and Animator

## **Jennifer Levonian**

**What:** Jennifer Levonian **Lecture**

**Where:** Tipton Hall

**When:** August 23, 2010 @ 6pm

**How Much:** \$10 general admission | \$5 students/seniors/members

As part of our 2010 season of visiting artists and scholars, **Elemental: Earth, Air, Fire, Water**, the Santa Fe Art Institute is pleased to present painter and animator **Jennifer Levonian**.

Jennifer Levonian is a Philadelphia-based artist who creates cut-paper and watercolor animations that explore the ambivalence of everyday life by focusing on things which go unnoticed and transforming them into bizarre and uncanny events. Her animations move through the land and landscape with a sensitive eye looking sideways at how we fit (or don't) into the world around us.

Levonian graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) with her master's in fine arts in painting. She had been creating watercolor paintings that were narrative, but felt something was missing. Her last winter at RISD, she took a class in animation which inspired her to turn her watercolors into animation. She cut up her paintings and made stop-motion films to give her narrative a context, a pace and more depth.

You can see Levonian's animation "Take Your Picture with a Puma" at the Santa Fe Art Institute in the *Elemental: Earth Air Fire Water* exhibition through August 27<sup>th</sup>.

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