

# Going Wild

All of the works in this show were inspired by Melina Sempill Watts' prose in *Tree*. The artists have shared the specific lines that led to each artwork, below.

## JEFF SOJKA

1. ACORN  
"The top of the acorn split open and one small shoot came out the top, bland and blond.  
And optimistic."  
8x8, acrylic, 2022  
\$450
2. SPROUT  
"...the little sprout peeked out from the drought-crack in the earth and up into the pure air  
of Topanga ..."  
24x12, acrylic, 2022  
\$1200
3. SAGE AND GRASSES  
"...the scent of these living plants; the scent was the spirit of the plant released to the world  
as gift."  
24x36, acrylic, 2022  
\$3600
4. HILLS AND GREEN GRASS  
"... in tiny sparkly shards, tiny as shattered glass, but as shimmery and pretty – the little sprouts  
were loving tree back."  
9x12, acrylic, 2022  
\$1000
5. GRASS AND NEW TREE  
"Together, both plants joined the whole field in soaking up sun and oxygen and creating green,  
green and more green."  
14x11, acrylic, 2022  
\$1250
6. ROCK AND TREE  
"An earthquake was nothing compared to the shaking realization that even rocks could speak and  
everything, everything was alive."  
16x20, acrylic, 2022  
\$2200

7. STARS  
“... came back from the stars as a whole, “We are far. You are far. You are there. We are here.”  
24x20, acrylic, 2022  
\$3000
8. FLOWERS AND LUPINE  
“My seeds will be the beginnings of flowers even more beautiful than I. Who could want anything more?”  
24x30, acrylic, 2022  
\$3400
9. TREE (Cover of *Tree*)  
“There was a tree in this acorn, waiting for the future.”  
40x30, acrylic, 2022  
\$5500
10. INFINITE SKY  
“...infinite sky. All the beauty of her youth stored up in her head, an endless supply of fresh air.”  
24x30, acrylic, 2022  
\$3400
11. GRASS AND HOT/LIGHT  
“Tree was delighted by all the new specks of life. 360° of them extending as far as e could see...”  
24x20, acrylic, 2022  
\$3000
12. MUSTARD ON THE HILLSIDE  
“Mustard. Oats. Radish. The world was forever changed. A new color yellow, a new color green, a new world.”  
16x20, acrylic, 2022  
\$2200
13. LIGHTNING  
“...every tube of phloem from root to trunk to limb to branch to leaf simultaneously, each drop of sap electrically alive.”  
9x12, acrylic, 2022  
\$1000
14. FIRE  
“...burning was like an arrow through an animal’s head – unavoidable, ongoing and intensifying pain in one’s most central part.”  
14x11, acrylic, 2022  
\$1250

15. TREE, MARÍA MARTA AND MARE  
“The mare found the headwaters of the Old Topanga Creek and... crossed the confluence of Topanga Creek, meandering back north.”  
16x20, acrylic, 2022  
\$2200
16. BULLDOZER  
“All the grass and chaparral had been uprooted and buried. Snakes had been cut in half and crushed by ... bulldozers.”  
24x12, acrylic, 2022  
\$1200
17. LANDSCAPE WITH DEVELOPMENT  
“It wasn’t long after that the men with machines came. Tree was utterly horrified to watch the road ... put in...”  
24x36, acrylic, 2022  
\$3600
18. TREE AND ENZO  
“Startled, the child looked right up at the oak and his eyes caught and held Tree’s core.”  
16x20, acrylic, 2022  
\$2200
19. ACORN, BEGIN AGAIN  
“Tree spoke clearly, “Grow. And plant an acorn.”  
8x8, acrylic, 2022  
\$450
20. TREE WITH SUN, SKY AND ISLANDS  
“...down to the sea, which e could only imagine from the songs of birds, from whence the clouds had come...”  
48x60, acrylic, 2022  
\$14500
21. HOME ECOSYSTEM, PANORAMA  
“E could feel the groundwater growing underneath e like a promise saved.”  
24x60, acrylic, 2022  
\$6500

#### TREE STUDIES

8x8, acrylic, 2022  
\$450 each

## **JESSICA HALL**

A. HUMAN TOUCH

“Tuhuy caressed Tree’s topmost leaf...Was she expressing affection at e?”

24x36, acrylic, 2022

\$1200

B. CONTACT

“E wondered where Tuhuy’s people had gone – were they lost or found?”

24x30, acrylic, 2022

\$1200

C. BENEDICTION

“Tree released all the love within eself and felt it scatter into the air like a benediction.

Like a wedding.”

24x30, acrylic, 2022

\$1200

D. ENZO

“Only love lasts.”

36x24, acrylic, 2022

\$1200

## **MELINA SEMPILL WATTS**

*TREE*

Book, 2017

\$18