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# Radner, Richardson share exhibit at BlackRock Center for the Arts

Inspired by striated rock formations, Donna Radner creates dramatic and richly colored abstract fiber collages from hand dyed cotton strips that are pleated, pieced, fused and machine quilted to suggest textures and natural shapes found in the canyons of the Western United States.

Fascinated by vanishing structures in our rural landscape, B.D. Richardson photographs weathered barns, silos and grain elevators using long exposures that capture the ethereal striations of clouds passing as she documents iconic symbols disappearing from the countryside of North America.

Together, their works are on display at the BlackRock Center for the Arts as part of the exhibit "Striations: Donna Radner and B.D. Richardson," which will be on view in the Main Gallery through March 28.

Motivated by her love of the spectacular mountain ranges and canyons found in Utah, Colorado and Arizona, Radner creates landscape art quilts reflecting interpretations of the striated qualities of rocks and mountains worn away by storms and geologic changes. Painting with fabric, the artist works intuitively, composing designs with intensely hued strips and organic shapes cut from fused textiles which she later quilts on her sewing machine.



BlackRock Center for the Arts  
The works of B.D. Richardson and Donna Radner are on display during the "Striations" exhibit at the BlackRock Center for the Arts.

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Documenting iconic buildings disappearing from the rural landscapes of North America, photographer Richardson uses long exposures that also capture striking patterns made by clouds in the expansive skies above. With the lens kept open for extended periods — often for fewer than five minutes, sometimes for longer periods — the camera documents the activity above buildings that are on the verge of disappearing.

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