**KAREN BAGAYAWA**

**Exhibition: "SURFACE"**

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An exhibition entitled "SURFACE", featuring ten abstract panels by Canadian artist and Morioka resident, Ms. Karen Bagayawa, opened on February 9 at Gallery La Vie (Saien 2-Chome, Morioka).

After graduating in 1998 with a degree in fine art from Queen's University, Ms. Bagayawa came to Japan, where she has produced works utilizing a combination of printing and painting techniques to create panels with a unique texture. "I was attracted to Japan by what I heard from a professor at University. Morioka has an atmosphere similar to the city of Cambridge, which I like alot," says Ms. Bagayawa.

"SURFACE" also contains the meaning, 'to come to the surface or out of concealment', and it is with my surfacing as an artist in mind that I chose it as the title of this exhibition," she smiles.