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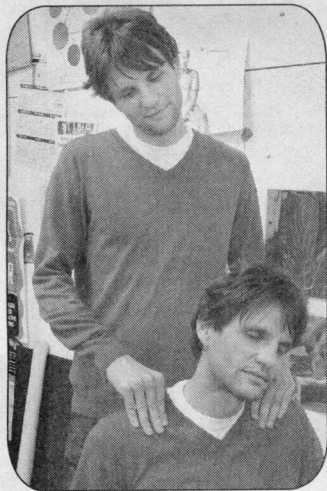
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*"the greater the disparity, the greater the despair."*

# SCOTT ARMETTA: FINDS FOG



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Painter **Scott Armetta**, whose landscape oil painting "**Apoxee Fog**" is the featured centerfold of this month's **PureHoney**, invites viewers of his **Dark Florida** landscape collection to be still and see the mysteries of nature in Florida through his eyes. The scene depicted in "**Apoxee Fog**" caught Armetta's attention while he was walking the **Apoxee Trail** in West Palm Beach. The artist, whose early training was in photography, captured the image on film and then translated it to an oil painting in his studio, adding elements to heighten what he calls the scene's "sinister edge".

A true Florida boy, Armetta graduated from **Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts** in 1994 and has taught there for the last 11 years. He often hears others state an emotion about his home state that he once felt himself: "I've got to get out of Florida." After graduating from **Florida Atlantic University**, Armetta moved to New York for one year. "When I came back, I realized how much I liked Florida," he says. He decided to respond to this notion of leaving through his art.

"Listening to them made me think how I could take Florida's nature and present it with a reason to look at it. I wanted to try to find a way to take those feelings and, through a processed nostalgia, use that as a basis for a romantic idea of Florida."

In his first solo exhibit, Armetta presents that idea through twelve medium-scale oil landscapes that reveal the darkness lurking behind Florida landscapes that locals come across every day, like a sunrise, and those, such as the patch of woods in "**Apoxee Fog**", that are hidden away. Music -- specifically **Boards of Canada's "Music Has the Right to Children"** and composer **William Basinski's "The Disintegration Loops"** -- fueled his contemplation of the Sunshine State's dark side.

**See the Dark Florida exhibit at the Armory Art Center at 1700 Parker Ave., West Palm Beach, 561-832-1776. The opening reception will be held on October 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit runs through December 8, 2012.**

**By Courtney Hambricht**