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**Urban Culture Project Presents  
*Rachelle Gardner: Dreamscapes***

**Jenkins (an Urban Culture Project Space)**

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**Third Friday reception and performance: September 19, 6-9pm**  
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Rachelle Gardner, a current Urban Culture Project Studio Resident, debuts an ambitious mixed media installation in the two Jenkins window galleries on Third Friday. Supported by a 2008 Inspiration Grant through the ArtsKC Fund, Gardner's *Dreamscapes* will infuse otherworldly elements evocative of daydreams into the hard-edged, fast paced urban landscape, inviting passerby to slow down and take a deep breath.



Often addressing dichotomies in her work, the seemingly out-of-reach botanicals of the installation are combined with elements of human interaction. "Until recently, it's almost as if I've been recording observations from an alien wilderness for a botanist's handbook. This is first time I've hinted at people having a place in that wilderness. With the stress and pace of our lives, I want to encourage people to spend a moment in these places, even if only in their minds." Emphasizing that idea, actors will engage the foreign environments in common, everyday ways during the Third Friday opening.

An accompanying exhibit of the artist's work at the Kansas City Artist Coalition's Underground Gallery in September will provide a behind-the-scenes look at the project's development. Spanning many months, the project's construction incorporates drawing and set design with hundreds of pounds of plaster and clay.

Gardner is currently a resident artist at The Urban Culture Project's Bonfils Artist Studios. She received her B.S. in Interior Architecture from Kansas State University.

**An initiative of the Charlotte Street Foundation, Urban Culture Project creates new opportunities for artists of all disciplines and contributes to urban revitalization by transforming spaces in downtown Kansas City into new venues for multi-disciplinary contemporary arts programming. For more information, visit [www.urbancultureproject.org](http://www.urbancultureproject.org) or email [info@charlottestreet.org](mailto:info@charlottestreet.org).**