

## 'ROAD TRIP'

It started with a road trip in the fall of 2003, to visit my sister, Victoria, in Moose Factory, Ontario, where she had been teaching for almost twenty years.

On my journey north, by the side of a lonely stretch of Hwy.11, I spotted a moose crossing sign. I stopped to take a look. There was something iconic and beautiful about the solitary sign set against the blue autumn sky, the brown grasses and the low line of trees in the background. That image stayed with me and in time became the catalyst for a series of paintings that became 'Road Trip'. All the canvases were completed between 2016 and 2019.

'In the things most of us took for granted, she found beauty and wonder just by looking closely.'

(commentary on the paintings of the late, great, Canadian artist, Mary Pratt.)

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