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Solas Gallery presents Jon Feinstein's *The Balance*, opening 5th October.

Solas Gallery is pleased to present *The Balance*, new photography by Jon Feinstein.

This exhibition, Feinstein's first solo show in Seattle, combines two of his series: *Breathers* and *What it Means to Be Alive*, using the city's lush landscape to make sense of death, memory loss, and joy.

Breathers is an emotional typology of Pacific Northwest trees and their relationship to Jon's late mother-in-law, who suffered from early-onset Alzheimer's Disease. The trees, often filled with holes and breaks that reflect cognitive decline, hover over homes, set against skies that isolate them in space.

Punctuating *Breathers'* large-scale prints are smaller, intimate prints from *What it Means to Be Alive* – portraits of dandelions from Feinstein's backyard. These images symbolize the process of balancing continual loss with the joy of the recent birth of Jon's two young daughters, and his ongoing search for clarity.

Together, these series are a bridge between memorializing death and finding the bright spots that keep us going – and ultimately, scattering them about.

Jon Feinstein is a Jewish photographer, curator, and writer, and the co-founder of Humble Arts Foundation. Jon has curated countless exhibitions over 15+ years at galleries and institutions including Photoville; Blue Sky Gallery, PDX; The Ogden Museum in New Orleans for PhotoNola; Glassbox and Photographic Center Northwest Seattle; Colorado Photographic Arts Center; and Barclays Arena in Brooklyn, NY for ArtBridge. Jon's projects have been featured in Aperture, NY Times, BBC, VICE, The New Yorker, Hyperallergic, and Feature Shoot, and he's contributed to VICE, Hyperallergic, Aperture, Photograph, TIME, Slate, GOOD, Daylight, Adobe, and PDN. He is also the proud recipient of a Peter S. Reed Foundation grant, which support his *Breathers* series.

The Balance runs from 5th October to 11th November, with an opening reception on 5th October, 5-9pm. Solas is open 1- 5pm Saturdays, or by appointment.

<https://www.solas.gallery/exhibitions/jon-feinstein-the-balance>

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