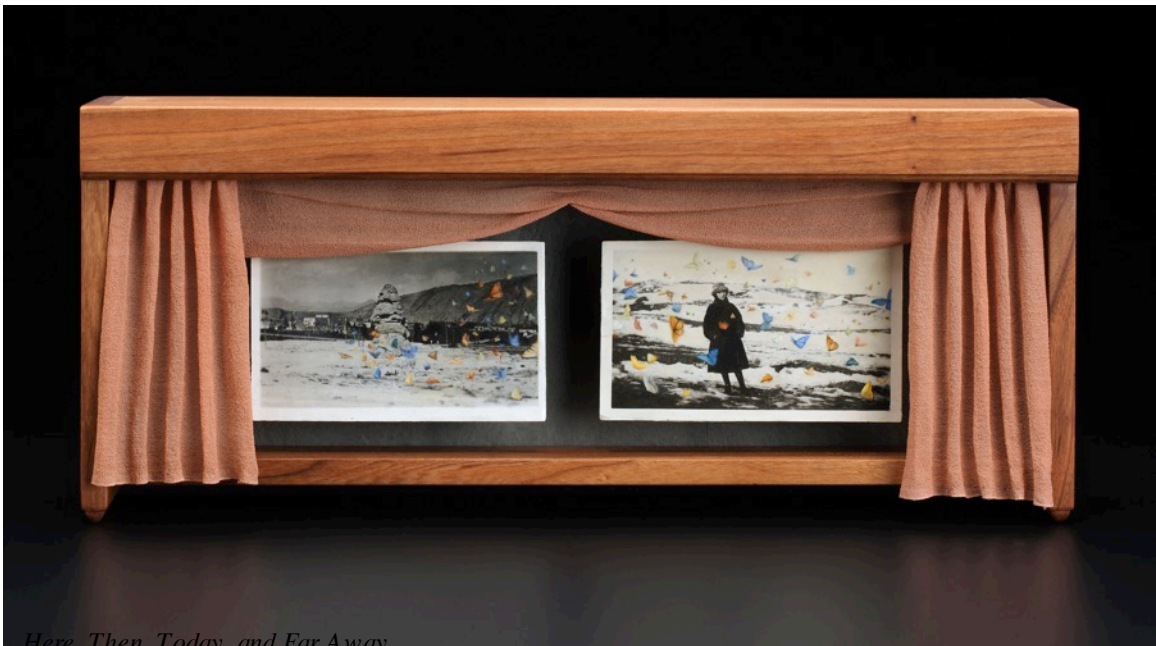


## Here Then, Today



*Here, Then, Today, and Far Away*  
vintage photographs, acrylic paint, cherry wood, silk, paper board  
artwork by Laura Christensen



*Here, Then, Today, and Far Away (details)*

Is the weather such  
that she is a little warm  
or a little cold in her coat?

In this, her season  
of the in-between,  
when birds have flown

their houses and stage hands  
are changing scenes  
behind the curtain,

preparing the set  
for our next entrances and exits,  
for days of pastel peonies

or mounds of stone.  
As the mouth and nose commune  
with air and the eye takes in and in.

Is she a little behind or  
a little ahead of the period  
in which she finds herself?

As time moves towards her  
like a storm of butterflies—  
weightless, bright, ever nearer

to death. One might land  
on her back  
and she couldn't even see.