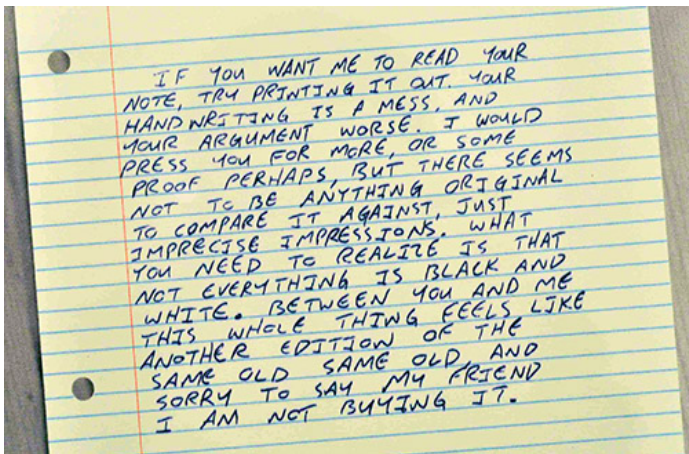




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**PAPER TRAILS AT AVALANCHE**  
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It didn't take long for **Avalanche** to relocate after losing their former venue to the summer solstice floods, and directors **Nate McLeod** and **Cassandra Paul** continue to make a lot out of a little. Their new, lower level, intimate gallery adjoins a small concourse exhibition space that also features both a sales area for books and regional catalogues plus a cozy bar for their regular events. Currently on display, the group exhibition *Paper Trails* features prints by artists from Avalanche's first year of programming including works by **Jesse Stilwell**, **Matthew Mark** and **Lindsay Wells**, **Bodgan Cheta**, **Henry Gunderson**, **Jeremy Pavka** and **Karly Mortimer**, **Kuh Del Rosario** and **Sarah Van Sloten**, and **Ryan Scott**.



Kyle Beal

The gallery's history of supporting limited edition prints as adjuncts to each of their shows is a worthy project. It enables a value-added extra for exhibitors and viewers, and also builds an archive. If you're thinking it sounds all too commercial then **Kyle Beal** has already preempted that with his text-based work concluding that this "feels like another edition of the same old same old and sorry to say my friend, I'm just not buying it." Yet several people have: about twenty prints in total have been sold. The works are affordable and well presented (kudos to Jarvis Hall for underwriting the framing).

With other small-scale galleries such as **809** and **Haight** having now shuttered, independent venues that program contemporary art by emerging practitioners, whilst also offering a commercial angle, are not to be overlooked. With the **Untitled Art Society's Satellite Gallery** on the main floor and **Emmedia** next door, there are plenty of reasons to pay a visit. Might I suggest the *Paper Trails* closing party on Friday December 20th?

**Avalanche Gallery:** <http://avalancheavalanche.com/?p=666>

Paper Trails continues until December 21.

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Thanks, Dick!

Posted by **Jesse Stilwell**, on 2013-12-17 18:16:10

Wonderfully written article Dick! As always you are a true champion for the underrated and DIY scene in Calgary. As well as a multi-talented man yourself.