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Landscapes by Sgouros

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Talk about timing. Just in time for the holidays, Providence gallery owner Cade Tompkins is serving up a new batch of “Remembered Landscapes” by Tom Sgouros. For the uninitiated, Sgouros is an award-winning painter and illustrator who also happens to be legally blind — the result of a chronic eye condition known as macular degeneration. While that might be enough to sink some artists, Sgouros has channeled his energy into a series of darkly minimalist landscapes, each featuring the same basic elements — typically a bare horizon topped by high, rolling clouds — animated by subtle changes in color, mood and atmosphere. The results, on view through Jan. 14, have a brooding intensity that can take your breath away.

