

## Katharine LE HARDY

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"The Cornish coast is the starting point for my landscapes which are only loosely based on definite locations. Working from sketches and photographs, I try to create a window on an imaginary coastal space. The absence of obvious landmarks and identifiable features enables the images to exist as timeless, dreamlike expanses where sea meets land, inviting the viewer into a restorative space and opportunity for reflection in calm solitude.

Even though the beaches usually constitute the largest area in my paintings, I consider them more as seascapes than landscapes, as the central aspect to all of my images is the action and nature of the sea: both as a symbol for the passage of time and agent of change, and also as an icon for tranquillity and emotional depth, all of which is resonant with the ebb and flow of everyday human life.

In a way, my painting process mimics the sea in this respect - I like to use gestural marks and loose brushworks to engage the viewer and charge the composition with movement and dynamism, whilst still maintaining balance, building up the paint and alternating transparent and opaque layers, dripping, washing, splashing, allowing it to take its own fluid course and give the image a life of its own."

### BIOGRAPHY

Katharine Le Hardy is a young artist. She lives and works in England.

### EDUCATION

1999-2003: University of West of England, Bristol  
Foundation/BA Fine Art

### EXHIBITIONS

2014

May : Open Studio Art Show, London

2013

New Paintings, solo show, UpDown Gallery - Ramsgate, Kent

"Let me introduce", UpDown Gallery - Ramsgate, Kent

Solo Show, Zimmer Stewart Gallery - Arundel, Sussex

2012

Solo Show: Cricket Fine Art, Chelsea, London

Gilchrist Fisher 21st Anniversary exhibition - Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London

Cricket Fine Art - AAF Battersea Park, London

2011

Solo Show - Zimmer Stewart Gallery, Arundel, Sussex

2010

Solo Show - Zimmer Stewart Gallery, Arundel, Sussex

Solo Show - Lisa Norris Art, London

Summer Show - Cricket Fine Art, Chelsea, London

2009

Brighton Art Fair - Zimmer Stewart Gallery

Solo Show - Advocate Gallery, Wimbledon Village, London

Summer Show - Cricket Fine Art, Chelsea, London

Solo Show - Smithfield Gallery, London

Solo Show - Zimmer Stewart Gallery, Arundel, Sussex

2008

Colbat Fine Art - Battersea Park, London

Group Show, Grandy Art - Lennox Gallery, Fulham, London

Advocate Gallery, Wimbledon, London

Summer Reflections - Foss Fine Art, Clapham, London

Lay of the Land - Chapel Row Gallery, Bath

Summer Show - Cricket Fine Art, Chelsea, London

Solo Show - Zimmer Stewart Gallery, Arundel, Sussex

2007

Art for Life - Colbat Fine Art, Smithfield Gallery, London

Grandy Art Christmas Show - Lennox Gallery, Fulham, London

Colbat Fine Art - Battersea Park, London

Group Show - Guggleton Gallery, Stalbridge, Dorset

Solo Show - Zimmer Stewart Gallery, Arundel, Sussex

2006

Changing spaces: Salisbury Playhouse, Wiltshire

Alpha House Gallery, Sherborne, Dorset

Edinburgh Art Fair, Edinburgh, Scotland  
Grandy Art - Troubadour Gallery, London  
Dreamland - The Chambers Gallery, Long Lane, London  
Guggleton Gallery, Stalbridge, Dorset

2005

Royal Institute of Oil Painters - Mall Galleries, London  
Discerning Eye Exhibition - Mall Galleries, London  
Group Sho - London Media Center, Great Portland St. London  
Chichester Open Exhibition, Chichester, Sussex  
Award - Highly Commenced, Winsor and Newton Young Artist Prize - Mall Galleries, London

2004

New English Art Club - Mall Galleries, London  
Royal Institute of Oil Painters - Mall Galleries, London