

McALLISTER THOMAS

PRESS RELEASE

KEVIN DARKE NEAR DISTANCES

17 FEBRUARY - 6 MARCH 2018

OPENING RECEPTION:
SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 10 AM

(WITH DRINKS)

KEVIN DARKE IN ATTENDANCE



This will be Kevin Darke's third solo exhibition with McAllister Thomas.

Kevin Darke's exhibition 'Near Distances' is part of a continued investigation into the sublime within the subtle changes of an intimately known landscape.

Darke describing his work says:-

"My observing occupies the near and the distant, its consumption of the visible and the known, binding the seer and the seen in a poetic aesthetic exchange".

Darke's relationship with "his landscape" is a result of over 30 years of steering a traditional horse drawn narrow boat along the River Wey, sketching and exploring its surrounds. Never tiring of this ancient landscape Darke continues to enjoy the swifts returning and the next generation of swans.

Born in 1968, Darke has been drawing and painting since his was old enough to pick up a pencil. His enduring fascination with paint, coupled with his abiding desire to learn as much about its medium has been the driving force in Darke's artistic practice.

For five years he ran his own art gallery in the USA, catering to an eclectic mix of collectors and artist. Latterly to satisfy his unquenchable thirst for knowledge he enrolled as a mature student studying fine art at the University of Creative Arts, testing whether the formal structure of pastoral landscape painting can be a modern genre with contemporary critique.

Darke believes landscape can be read like a text, it is the scene of life, pragmatic, poetic, rhetorical and polemic – a carrier of meaning.

Kevin's work has now started to be recognised, finding it's way into many important collections including that of Loyd Grossman and Chrisian Levett.

Notes to editors:

The Opening Reception will be held on the Saturday 17 February 2017 and will be attended by painter Kevin Darke.

For press information on specific works in the exhibition, interviews, or high resolution images please contact the Gallery Director, Sue McAllister at press@mcallisterthomasfineart.co.uk or +(44) 1483 860591

About McAllister Thomas Fine Art

McAllister Thomas is a contemporary art gallery that works with exciting emerging and established artists. The gallery was founded in 2007 and is located in the market town of Godalming, Surrey. McAllister Thomas runs an on-going calendar of exhibitions throughout the year. The diversity and quality of original works exhibited has earned the gallery an enviable reputation with new and existing collectors.

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