

Petrichor

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Petrichor (noun) :

a distinctive smell, usually described as earthy, pleasant, or sweet, that frequently accompanies the first rain after a long period of warm, dry weather.



Michele Fletcher *Revenant* Oil on Linen 50 x 60 cm

Since the Stone Age, our relationship to the natural world has been explored through art, helping us to connect with our surroundings and inspire creativity. Today, however, it is increasingly complex, with the climate emergency impacting us all, some artists have decided to use their art to voice concern. Others have used their work to emphasise the connection and admiration for the world around us. *Petrichor* presents a selection of work by a group of contemporary artists who invite us to consider our relationship to nature in new and emboldening ways.

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In a break from traditional landscapes - with vistas and horizons to ground the viewer - the works selected contain a mediative quality, encouraging the viewer to get lost in the experience of viewing - just like the experience of losing oneself in nature. From abstract paintings of flora and fauna, to somatic sculptures of fruit, every artist embraces and infuses their own personal experience of nature into their work. They call for us to appreciate and admire the beauty and mystery of natural forms, shapes and lines, engaging us in an exploratory and reflective process of looking.

In this age of the Anthropocene and extinction, our connection to nature should be celebrated. Art is one of the greatest tools to initiate discussion and create change, offering an entry point into complex issues that affect us daily. It is our hope that this exhibition will provide an opportunity to both celebrate the beauty and complexity of the natural world, and to consider our power and responsibility to protect it.



Lara Cobden Staghorn Moonshadows Study Ink and Gessoed Watercolour on Paper 21 x 29 cm

ABOUT

Liliya Art Gallery provides a platform for some of the most engaging and innovative artists working in the fields of painting, sculpture and ceramics. We foster diversity, transparency and excellence in everything we do; offering an exciting space that supports multi-discipline, emerging talent from around the world. Working with some of the best art professionals in London, we have a strong and knowledgeable team who specialise in helping clients build unique and valuable collections.



Paula Turmina *Eye and Sun* Stone Pigment, Acrlyic and Wesson on Canvas 20 x 25 cm

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