

PRESS RELEASE

'Dance with me in the sunlight pools'

6 - 27 April 2024

Zuleika Gallery, Woodstock



Zuleika Gallery is delighted to present *Dance with me in the Sunlit Pools*, a solo exhibition of new works by Carrie Stanley. The title of the show draws from lyrics from *Jig of Life* by Kate Bush. A song that embraces 'seizing the day', making a meaningful impact and cherishing the bond between individuals and their loved ones. Stanley describes her journey towards this exhibition as "a meeting place though the realm of painted memory". Her uniquely personal approach embodies her response to finding a cache of her late husband's celluloid negatives and working directly from them rather than the photographs. On raw linen, her works emerge slowly just as an analogue photograph emerges from the development process. For Stanley, painting is 'automatic' and intuitive, and breathes new life into her memories. These in turn become something 'other' in the process; embedded in the fabric and paint and given a new identity. In their new lives, brushstrokes musically morph through forms which are biomorphic and often figurative. The paintings emerge as acts of joyful reverence embracing past, present and future. A celebration of a transmutative journey embedded in their material presence.

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Illustrated:

Carrie Stanley (b.1970), *Tempus Fugit*, 2023, oil on fine linen, 128 x 180 cm

About the artist

Carrie Stanley studied at the Lorenzo de' Medici art institute in Florence and on the Turps banana correspondence course between 2020 - 2022. She has collaborated in *The Aerodrome* exhibition at Ikon gallery, Birmingham and contributed to *A memorial to Michael Stanley* prose and environmental sculpture project with Alec Finlay in Milton Keynes Gallery in 2019. She also received Arts Council funding through a DYCP grant for her grief project in 2022. Her work is held in many UK and International private collections.

About Zuleika Gallery

Zuleika Gallery's focus is on Modern British and emerging contemporary art. The gallery was founded in 2015 and held premises in St James's London before moving to Cromwell Place in 2022. In 2020, the gallery opened premises in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, now the gallery headquarters, with a regular exhibition programme. Using our extensive experience in the art market, we offer bespoke art advisory services for private or corporate collectors through Atelier Zuleika, our art consultancy arm. We enjoy placing art in the right context, whether public or private, and helping collectors making considered choices - balancing pure visual joy with stimulating ideas, while also inspiring change through art. The gallery is committed to showing art that inspires, and to making art accessible without compromise to quality, working with both the entry level collector and the connoisseur. Zuleika Gallery is a member of the Gallery Climate Coalition and is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and improving sustainably and gives artists a platform to explore the existential threat facing our planet.

Venue

Zuleika Gallery, 6 Park Street, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, OX20 1SP.

Opening Hours

10 – 5pm Wednesday - Saturday

By appointment

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