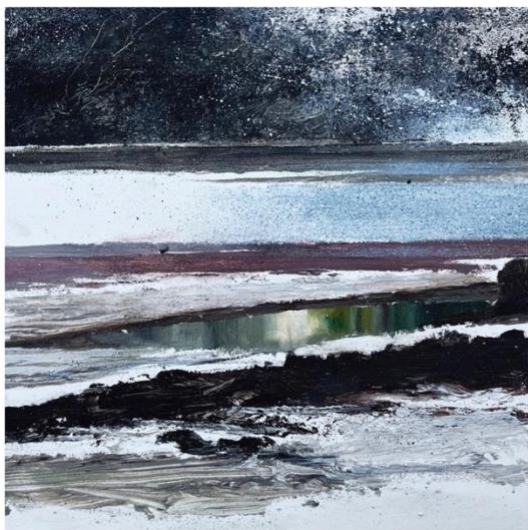


## PRESS RELEASE

### ***Archipelago – Solo Exhibition of new works by Kieran Stiles***

**8 - 29 June 2024**

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



*Low Tide*, 2024, oil on panel, 20.3 x 20.3 cm £2,300 inc VAT



*Scilly Heat*, 2024, oil on panel, 24.9 x 23 cm £2,400 inc VAT

Zuleika Gallery is delighted to announce *Archipelago* a solo exhibition of exciting new work by award winning Oxfordshire-based artist Kieran Stiles. From his training at Falmouth School of Art (BA hon Fine Art 1992), Stiles began a life-long love affair with Cornwall and the Scilly Isles, the latter being the inspiration for this exhibition.

Stiles is one of the leading British landscape painters of his generation, committed to pursuing exciting new ways of painting to form a visual language which is beyond conventional realism, allowing for the unexpected with thrilling dynamism.

He spends countless days drawing and painting outside, then finishes the works in his Oxford studio. As he navigates through the senses, rather than painting an exact copy of what he sees, he conveys a world of entrancing wonder through fractured marks, dashes, splashes and innovative painting techniques refined over many years of experimenting. Some works are meditative, others explosive. What they all have in common, is a sense of how the raw charge of nature can affect the imagination in the moment. As he says, *"I try to show the extraordinary energy and verve found in nature. Just as a defibrillator can jump-start your heart, an explosive shard of light or violent collision of electric colour can ignite a painting and blow your mind!"* It is this rare ability to astonish that makes his work so special. Just as nature surprises us and takes our breath away, his painting has the ability to grasp the viewer in an embrace that allows them to be present in the landscape with him.

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### **About Kieran Stiles**

Stiles (b.1970) studied Fine Art at Falmouth School of Art followed by a PGCE Brighton University. He is a visiting lecturer at The Ashmolean Museum Oxford. In 2019 he was Visiting Research Fellow in the Arts at

Merton College, Oxford, where his exhibition *Lightscape* was listed as a Top Pick in the Saturday Times by Rachel Campbell-Johnston. As part of the research fellowship, he explored the links between psychological wellbeing and creativity. During this time, Stiles gave a presentation at The TS Eliot Theatre, examining the neuro-scientific connections between creativity and psychological balance to demonstrate importance of the arts in education.

Stiles is the founder of Oxford's independent art school *Art Courses Oxford*, which specialises in developing innovative and assessable ways people can explore art and their own creativity. He has written and produced short films for The Ashmolean Museum and The St Ives School of Painting where he is also a visiting tutor. He was artist in residence at the 'On form 2022' exhibition of stone sculpture at Asthall Manor where he created large format paintings of the gardens and sculptures for a sell-out exhibition.

His work is held in many influential and distinguished collections internationally and most recently was part of the *AT The Bus* exhibition and auction at Sotheby's, London. As well as being represented in St James's by Browse and Darby, Stiles exhibits with Zuleika Gallery in Oxfordshire where he lives and works.

## Forthcoming Exhibitions

Oxford Chamber Music Festival Artist in Residence exhibition. Bodleian Library Oxford University. October 2024.

Shortlisted for The Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. June 2024

Zuleika Gallery, Woodstock, Oxfordshire. Solo Exhibition. June 2024

## Previous Exhibitions

Sotheby's Mayfair London. May 2024

Browse and Darby, St James's, London. *Christmas Exhibition*. Dec 2022

Merton College Oxford University, 2023

*On Form 2022*, Asthall Manor, Oxfordshire. Artist in Residence/Solo Exhibition. 2022.

Browse and Darby, St James's, London. *Christmas Exhibition*. Dec 2021

Browse and Darby, St James's, London. *Contemporary gallery artists*. Dec/Jan 2020

Merton College Oxford. *Research Fellowship in the Creative Arts*. Solo Exhibition. 2019-2020

Browse and Darby, St James's, London. *Winter exhibition*. 2018

Number 2 Woodstock Road, Oxford. Solo exhibition 2018

Oxford Chamber Music Festival. Artist in Residence. 2018

Browse and Darby, St James's, London. *Summer Exhibition*. 2018

Kyffin Gallery, Woodstock. Oxfordshire. Solo Exhibition. 2018

Browse and Darby, Cork Street, London. Solo exhibition. 2017

Brian Sinfield Gallery, Burford., Oxfordshire. Solo exhibition. 2017

The London Art Fair. Represented by The Lemon Street Gallery. 2017

The Lemon Street Gallery, Truro. Winter exhibition. 2016

The Lemon Street Gallery, Truro. Summer exhibition. 2016

The Lemon Street Gallery, Truro. Solo exhibition. 2016

The London Art Fair. Represented by The Lemon Street Gallery. 2016

The Lemon Street Gallery, Truro. Winter exhibition. 2015

Notting Hill. London. 'Invited' Exhibition. Curated by Flora Fairbairn and Philippa Adams 2015

The Lemon Street Gallery, Truro. Summer exhibition 2015

Merton College Oxford. Oxford University. 2015

Browse and Darby, Cork Street, London. 2015

## About Zuleika Gallery

Zuleika Gallery's focus is on Modern British and emerging contemporary art. The gallery was founded in 2015 in London by Lizzie Collins, previously a valuer at Christie's and auctioneer at Bonhams. In 2020, the gallery opened premises in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, now the gallery headquarters. 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. 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. Zuleika Gallery is a member of the Gallery Climate Coalition and is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and improving sustainably.

## Venue

6 Park Street, Woodstock, OX20 1SP

## Opening Hours

Tuesday - by appointment please contact +44 7719 060962

10 – 5pm Wednesday - Saturday

Sunday and Monday closed

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