



Press Release

wondering around by Mari Fujii-Pratt - solo exhibition at Praxis N16, 16th-21st June 2011

Mari Fujii-Pratt shows her latest works in her first London solo exhibition.

In *wondering around* the viewer is invited to enter - almost physically - into the work to explore the intricate and evocative layers of shapes, tones and colours and to make their own discoveries. The latest cycle of major works is accompanied by a selection of oil paintings, drawings and studies developed over several years offering extra layers of depth to the show.

The intensity of Fujii-Pratt's work quietly seeps out with an intimacy that shifts and grows with each viewing. There is a complexity with which Fujii-Pratt layers and builds up the world she paints. Marks of memories and the constant search for shapes, tones and touches reflect her deep observations of the space 'in between' and her capacity to absorb things as they are. Her works evoke a sense of calm repose while at the same time shimmering with primitive chaos.

The exhibition will also feature viewing stairs specially designed to create a personal space between the viewer and one of her paintings, as well as the publication of a book of thoughts and images hand sewn by the artist.

Mari Fujii-Pratt was born in Tokyo, Japan in 1974. Her last solo show in Japan was "Thirty six days" at *Macka*, Tokyo in 2001. She moved to the UK in 2001 and lived in the North West of England until 2004, her first solo show in the UK being at *Harris Museum & Art Gallery*, Preston 2004. Her works were selected for *Parker Harris' Hunting Art Prize Exhibition* in 2003 and 2005 exhibited in *the Royal College of Art* in London. She has been living and working in London since 2005.

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opening times: 16th june private view 6pm-9.30pm / 17th-21st june 11am-6.30pm

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