



Gallery202

Matter. Place. An Other.

Press Release.

It can be said that as artists we feel a sense of ‘otherness’ through the act of making, in one way or another. For some, it is simply the act of making, the material process that evokes this, for others it is something deeper. How we respond to matter and place brings about a sense of something beyond what we can comprehend.

Besides the three core themes of this exhibition, the notion of landscape, both external and internal has become an apparent theme that brings together many of the works shown; in the ethereal works of Jodie Blackwell the artist uses photographic methods to examine “intimate experiences” and place, with a connection to “one’s sense of self”. Julie Lawrence’s slightly distorted landscapes reflect an “ongoing enquiry into the relationship between light and matter” along with a profound sense of melancholy. Both Blackwell and Lawrence’s works evoke the notion of internal, mental landscape as well as the physical idea of place, therefor showing these works together forms an important starting point for viewing the exhibition.

Caroline Eliot’s abstract paintings touch on the natural world and our ability to accumulate layers of memories, her work and the work of Ritchard Allaway explore a sense of ‘otherness’ through the consideration of the material and immaterial. Allaway’s use artificial light as its main focus point touches on the Contemporary Sublime and examines the relationship between place and light, furthermore their relationship to the unknown.

It was this something unknown, this something ‘other’ that was the main element of consideration when discussing the prospect of this exhibition. There is a subtle sense of the liminal that unifies the works in this exhibition; they all in some way wander on the threshold of the unknown.



Gallery202 is an artist led initiative based in Northamptonshire committed to taking contemporary art and ideas into the public realm. Gallery202 works with local and international practitioners to develop ideas using virtual and actual space.

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