

Alec Cumming: New Painting

Atkinson Gallery, Millfield

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Private View: Monday 7 September, 7-9pm.



PRESS RELEASE

The Atkinson Gallery is proud to announce that **Alec Cumming** will be exhibiting his new show **'New Painting'** this autumn.

Cumming has had an interesting career for an artist still in his 20's. Born in Norfolk the young artist was quickly spotted by the Norwich Gallery Art 18/21 whose stable of artists work between the UK and the East, in particular in India. It was not long before Cumming was producing his first series of works for the International Art Fair in Delhi and moving between the UK and Delhi holding major solo shows at Galleries and Institutions.



There is something very pleasing about Alec Cumming's paintings, something alluring that draws viewers in. His paintings are always exuberant and full of a joie de vivre, exactly as it should be for a young man who lives life to the full and paints with the same passion. Maybe it is this youthful energy that skips around the canvas and makes the viewer feel alive and engage for that bit longer. But do not expect to be able to immediately decipher the imagery. Amongst the Eastern palm trees, fauna, architecture, terraces and moonlit gardens are also alien like forms that wrestle with themselves and nudge and poke at the more restful areas in the painting. Like a well-executed miniature painting every inch of the surface offers the viewer the chance to luxuriate in the moment.

The exhibition offers visitors the chance to explore the latest series of works which range from large scale, almost monumental oil on canvas paintings to a playful installation of smaller oil on paper works. The paintings are an interesting mix of references to his four years painting between his studios in India and Norfolk. Most importantly this is perhaps the first series that really defines Alec Cumming as he starts to develop a style that is uniquely his.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE EXHIBITION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM:

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