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Now/here

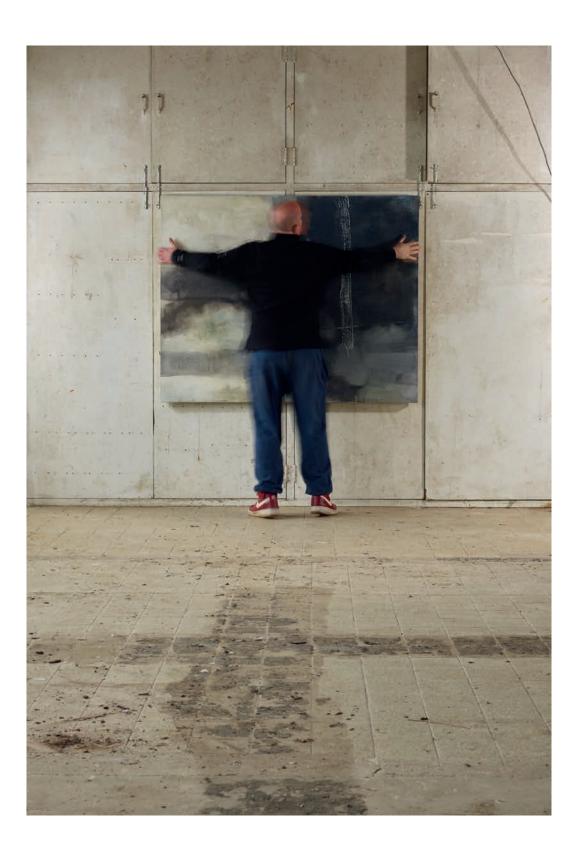
9 - 27 September 2019

Private View: Wednesday 11 September, 6pm

'While it is formed of three elements, all of the featured works in Now/here are united by Sam's overarching fascination with excavating what lies under the surface of things, with the layers of life and meaning reflected quite literally in the architecture of each painting, sculpture and drawing. We are delighted to be staging this show by one of the most compelling abstract artists of his generation.'

Freddie Burness

Director of Cadogan Contemporary



Cadogan Contemporary is delighted to present Now/here, a solo exhibition featuring new work by the acclaimed British artist Sam Lock.

A key inspiration for Lock is the written word, in particular the work of the dramatists Samuel Beckett and Harold Pinter. As the latter famously said, 'Underneath what is said, something else is being said,' and the ideas invoked in that observation – notions of double meanings, loss, discovery and the overlapping of past and present – are key to understanding Lock's entire oeuvre; in essence, each work is a mediation on the ambiguities of life revealed through abstraction.

Comprised of fifteen medium and large-scale paintings, as well as sculptures and a suite of works on paper, this is the artist's largest presentation to date and his third with the gallery. The paintings are rendered in Lock's trademark style. A canvas is prepared with gesso onto which layers of acrylic and household paint are applied and then manipulated – sanded, stained, scorched, sealed and torn – and also treated to the effects of a heat gun. The artist sees each canvas as a battleground, with the materials at war with one another. These collisions are orchestrated to some extent, but there is also a pervading element of chance and unpredictability, with paint colours changing due to unplanned physical and chemical interactions.

The sculptural works, which Lock describes as 'containers of energy,' are created from sheets of copper and, as with the paintings, are treated as 'battlegrounds', being sprayed with nitrate to achieve extraordinary reactions, as well as exposed to blow-torches and a club hammer. Intrinsic to these works will be the plinths on which they are mounted, which will have mirrored surfaces, lending them a further optic dimension and the implication of what the artist calls 'the presence of absence'.







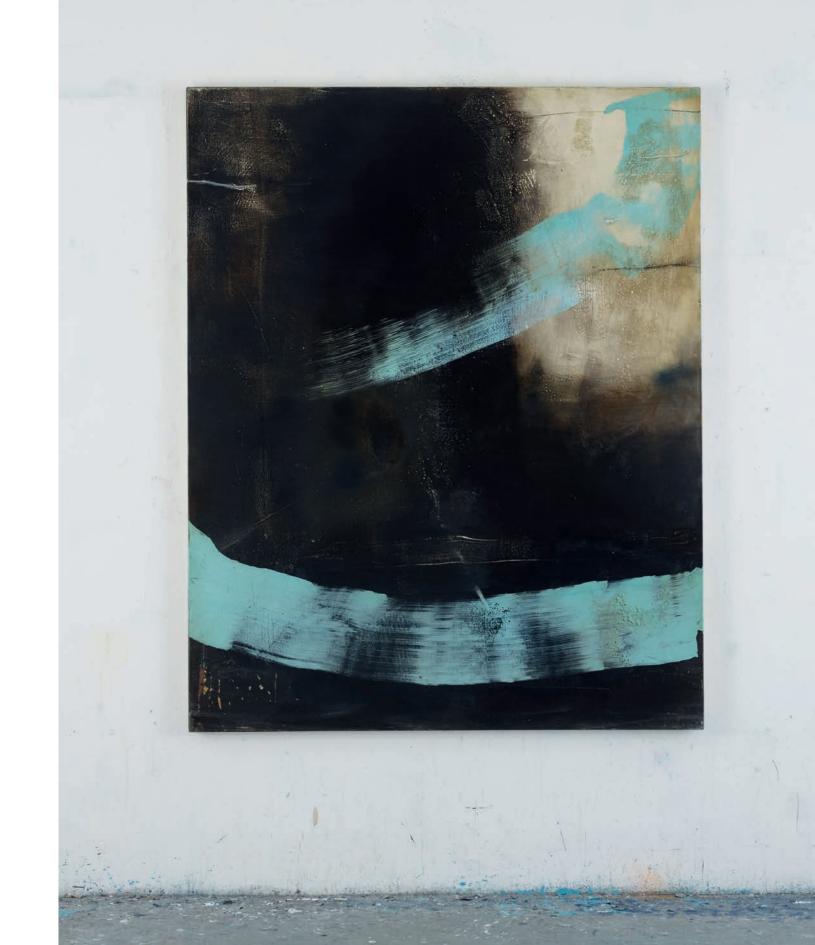


Time and tide

mixed media on canvas

160cm × 250cm

In the deep
mixed media on canvas
150cm x 120cm



Tomorrow falls
mixed media on canvas
150cm x 120cm





Progress
mixed media on canvas
150cm × 150cm



Progression
mixed media on canvas
150cm x 150cm

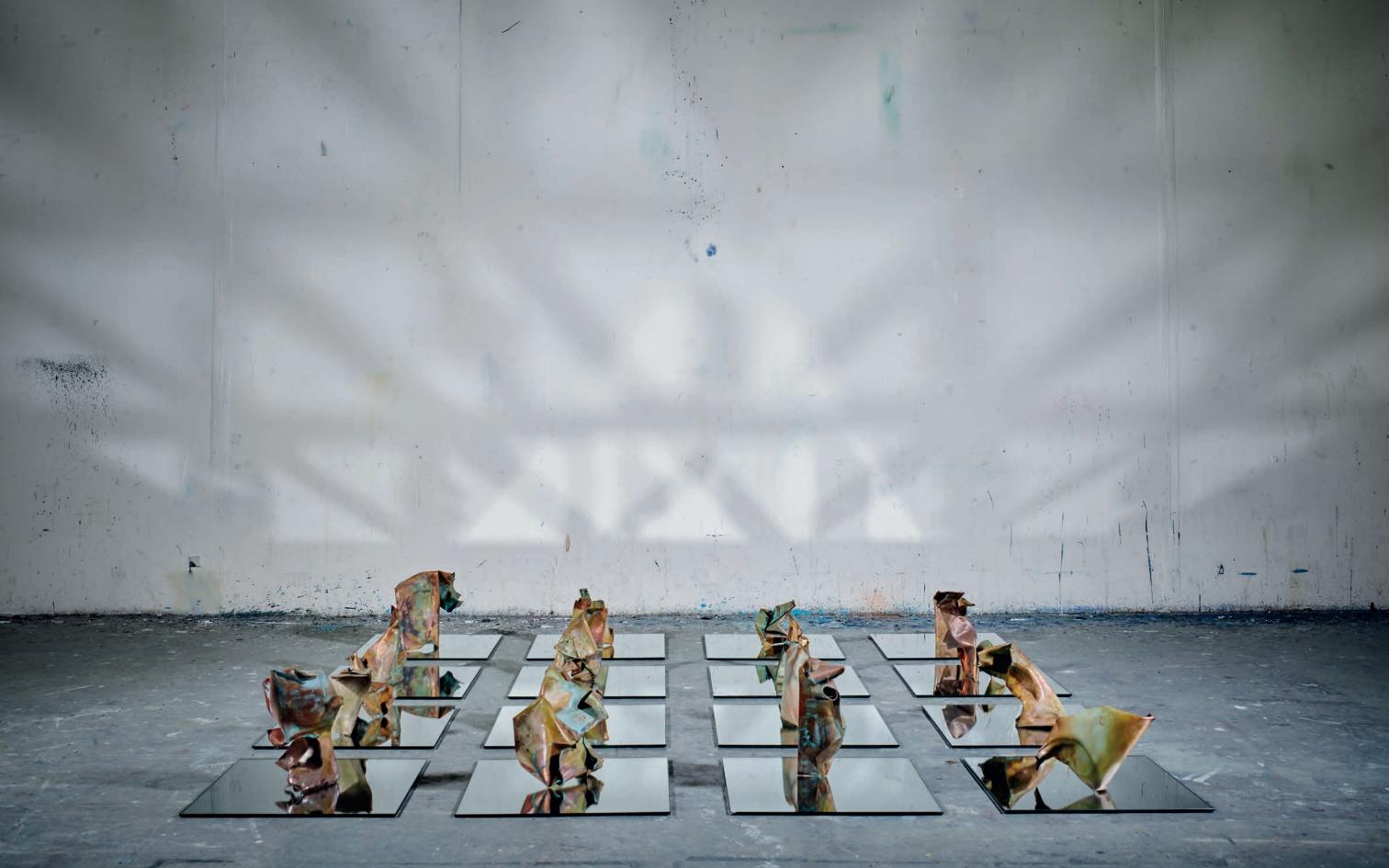


Ties that bind
mixed media on canvas
150cm x 120cm



Side to side
mixed media on canvas
150cm x 120cm





Hold Still
mixed media on canvas
150cm x 150cm



Over fall
mixed media on canvas
120cm x 120cm

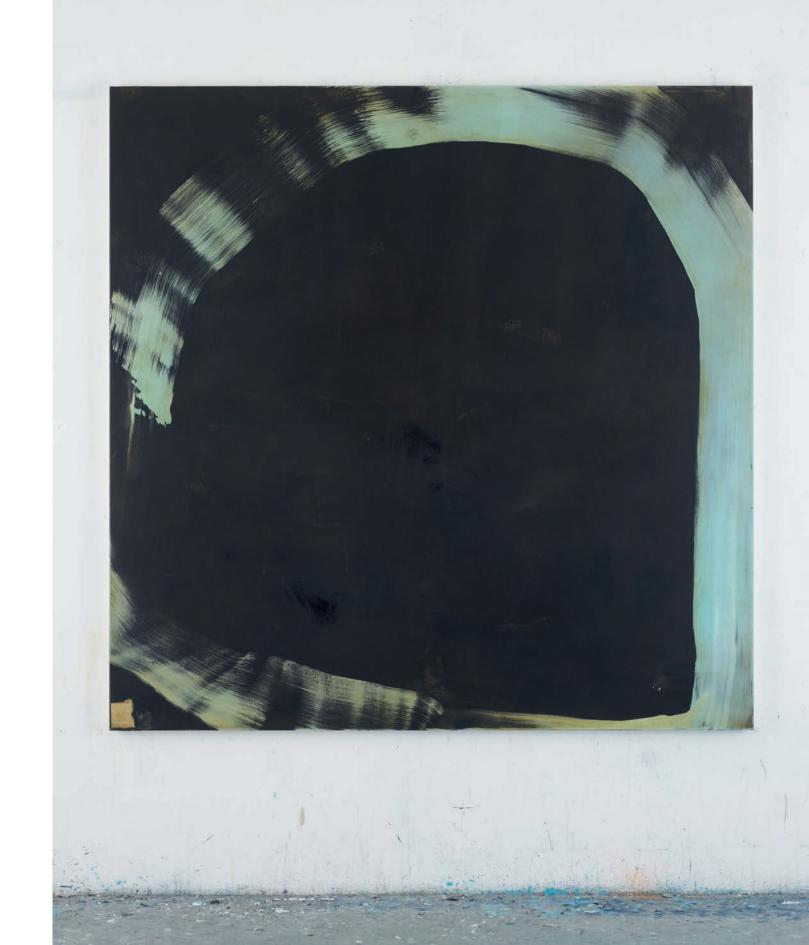




Flight time
mixed media on canvas
150cm x 150cm



Time flies
mixed media on canvas
150cm x 150cm



The light splits
mixed media on canvas
120cm x 120cm



Corner stone
mixed media on canvas
120cm x 120cm



Falling corner
mixed media on canvas
120cm x 120cm



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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

'Now/Here', Solo Exhibition, Cadogan Contemporary LONDON "Aspect" Solo presentation Kunst Rai Amsterdam, Twelve Twelve Gallery "Unremembered" Solo Show, Twelve Twelve Gallery, DEN HAAG NL "In situ" Solo Exhibition, & Gallery, EDINBURGH Solo Exhibition, Cadogan Contemporary LONDON "Presence" Solo Show, Twelve Twelve Gallery DEN HAAG NL Solo Show, Wimbledon Fine Art LONDON Solo Show, Cadogan Contemporary LONDON Liminal Space, Solo Show, Twelve Twelve Gallery, DEN HAAG NL Solo Show, Wimbledon Fine Art LONDON Discoveries, Temporary Gallery, HOVE Bluemoon Gallery, TUNBRIDGE WELLS "Trace Element" Solo Show, Studio 226 Chelsea Design Centre LONDON Solo Show, Xavier Gallery, BRIGHTON	Sept 2019 April 2019 Dec 2018 May 2018 Feb 2018 Aug 2017 June 2017 Jan 2017 Sept 2016 Sept 2016 Jan 2016 Sept 2014 Oct 2013
GROUP SHOWS	
"Juxtaposition" Galerie Biesenbach, COLOGNE The Little Picture Show, Josie Eastwood Fine Art, HANTS "Connection" & Gallery, EDINBURGH Discerning Eye, Mall Galleries LONDON Group Show, & Gallery, EDINBURGH ArttheHague, TwelveTwelve Gallery DEN HAAG Inaugural Exhibition, Anne Neilson Fine Art, USA Art at Home, Jenna Burlingham Fine Art LONDON Drawn, RWA BRISTOL 32 Paintings, Phoenix Gallery, BRIGHTON	Jan 2018 Jan 2018 Dec 2017 Nov 2017 Nov 2017 Oct 2017 Jan 2017 Mar 2016 June 2015 Oct 2013

Kunst Rai Art Amsterdam, Twelve Twelve Gallery, AMSTERDAM	2018
Edinburgh Art Fair, Four Walls	2017
AAF Stockholm, Four Walls	2017
AAF Hampstead, Four Walls Fine Art	2017
AAF Battersea, Four Walls Fine Art	2017
Spring Battersea Decorative Arts Fair	2017
Winter Battersea Decorative Arts Fair	2017
London Art Fair, Jenna Burlingham Fine Art	2017
AAF Bristol, Four Walls	2016
AAF Hampstead, Four Walls	2016
Battersea Decorative Arts Fair, Jenna Burlingham Fine Art	2016
New Year Exhibition, Cadogan Contemporary	2016
AAF Battersea, Four Walls	2016
Mixed Show Cadogan Contemporary, London	2015
SeeArt Fair, Tunbridge Wells	2015
Columbia Road Gallery, London	2014
Discerning Eye, Mall Galleries	2013
Spring Show, Bircham Gallery, Norfolk	2011, 2013
Christmas Show, Bircham Gallery, Norfolk	2010
Brighton Art Fair	2005-15
ConTemporary Gallery, Queens Rd, Brighton	2005
London Artists Book Fair, ICA, London	2004
Chichester Open Art Exhibition	2002-4
Art at Amberley Museum	2003-5
Undercurrents, Phoenix Gallery, Brighton	1999
Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh	1997
Mile of Art (369 Gallery) Royal Mile, Edinburgh	1996

