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the end of all our exploring

Ashley Amery

7 - 28 October 2023

The Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery presents *the end of all our exploring*, the second solo exhibition at the gallery by American-born, London-based artist Ashley Amery. In her new body of work, Amery creates large-scale gouache paintings of lush, imaginary landscapes, dense with colour, light, flowing water, and botanical forms.



Ashley Amery, *Woven Waterfall*, 2023, gouache on 300gsm Fabriano paper, 76 x 56 cm

From their origins, the works are explorations through unknown, and unpeopled, territories — tropical, subtropical, subaqueous, celestial. The image of the waterfall, in particular, holds symbolic weight for the artist. 'Ever changing, the waterfall is a source of excitement and inspiration for all who come across its majestic power,' says Amery. Her works capture the essence of this drama that unfolds in the natural world.

Amery has embraced the technical challenges of working in gouache on a large scale. It is a bravura display. Influenced by Japanese Edo-period ink paintings of waterfalls, Amery's practice draws upon line and pattern-making as a means of investigation and meditation. Working on paper, Amery creates a dialogue between gestural, translucent washes and opaque surfaces. Allowing the tendrils of gouache layers to build, Amery witnesses her works grow before her with an organicism befitting her subject matter.

In all Amery's work, there is a balance between the meticulous course of planned ideas and the serendipitous discovery of where a work wants to take her; small details accumulate, pattern and form weave together to create a rich visual ecosystem.

Amery studied at Pepperdine University, California and Camberwell College of Arts, London. She has exhibited internationally at art fairs and institutions including the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts, London. Her work is held in the UAL Art Collection, the University of the Arts, London.

About the Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery:

The Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery is a contemporary art gallery challenging trends. Over the course of three decades the gallery has built an international reputation for innovation, individuality, energy and excellence. Rebecca Hossack has been a great champion of non-Western artistic traditions, and hers was the first art gallery in Europe to exhibit Australian Aboriginal painting, which it continues to promote.



Ashley Amery, *Summer Waterfall*, 2023, Gouache on 300 gsm Fabriano paper, 140 x 90 cm

Listings information:

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Free admission

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Gallery opening times:

Monday - Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm
Closed Sunday