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Into the Light

New work by John Crossley

15 April - 15 May 2011

Opening Reception: Thursday 14 April, 2011 | 6.30 to 8.30pm



John Crossley *Southern Call* H 700 x W 700 mm oil on paper on board 2010

John Crossley lives and works in London, is a senior lecturer at Chelsea College of Art and Design and has exhibited widely across the UK and internationally. He has works both in public and private collections around the world. This is his first solo exhibition with the Bicha Gallery.

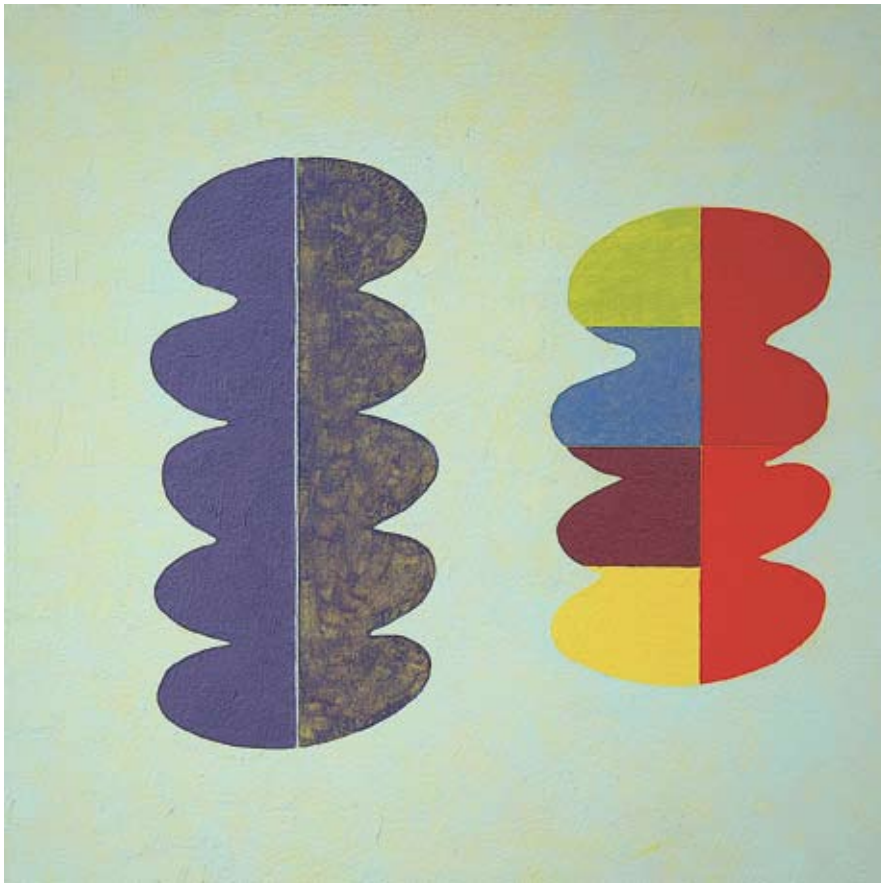
In his contemplative yet commanding paintings, John Crossley harnesses our sensitivity to nuances of colour change to comment on the subtle perceptions of mood and emotion that appear as constants in us all. Abstract images are formed from multiple layers of colour, finely amalgamated into an accumulated tracery creating a compelling invitation to engage in an intimate dialogue.

Offering enquiry rather than posing a hypothesis, the works deal with the shifting space and climate of human relating: a sense of distance or closeness, inclusion or exclusion, the polarity of our humanity. Crossley does not avoid the sensual, but exploits it as an intense vehicle for communication. A new world evolves through the process of adding and subtracting; until a form and a space emerge that speak of renegotiation and restoration.

His latest series of paintings utilize colours that are more directly reminiscent of the softness found in the natural environment. The delicate composition of form and colour suggest the deliberate weaving of multiple narratives. Never the less the work hints at exuberance and, as the title of this show, the anticipation of radiance.

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John Crossley *Untold Stories* H 350 x W 350 mm oil on paper on board 2011

Biography

B.A. Hons. Sculpture,
St Martins School of Art (1970/73)

Post Graduate Sculpture,
St Martins School of Art (1970/73)

Commissions

Unilever PLC, London
Hillingdon Hospital, Uxbridge

Collections

London Borough of Camden
Unilever PLC, London
Leicestershire Education
Authority
Sunderland Art Centre
Hillingdon Hospital, Uxbridge

Awards

The Arts Council of Great Britain Award
(1976)

The Sainsbury Award (1974)

Professional Bodies

Elected Member of The London Group
(1978)

Rochdale Art Gallery
Triangle Art Association
Private Collections: Belgium, France,
Ireland, Singapore, Switzerland, UK
and USA

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– working in sculpture, ceramics, drawing, illustration, painting, photography,
printmaking, etching and metal work.

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