

KURT JACKSON

The Thames Revisited

20 November 2013 – 23 January 2014

The Redfern Gallery is pleased to announce the upcoming exhibition of new work by leading British contemporary artist, *Kurt Jackson: The Thames Revisited*.



Silver and green, the young Thames 2013
Mixed media on canvas 122 x 122 cm

'I've been up and down the length of the river a fair amount. I've rowed on it and swam on it, but mostly I've walked beside it – sometimes frantically – in search of that rare combination of the transcendent and the haptic that only the work of a serious artist can achieve. Looking at Kurt Jackson's canvases, which manage this feat so triumphantly for the Thames, it occurs to me that I might as well have stayed at home, waiting for them to come into being.'

Will Self, 2013

In this exhibition, Jackson continues his study of the Thames, exploring the river from source to sea. The work represents a culmination of several years spent visiting and recording the iconic watercourse, capturing its atmosphere, spirit, and changing moods. Jackson uses a variety of media to realise his subject – painting, sculpture, work on paper, ceramics, jewellery – creating a body of work as versatile as the river he depicts.

Born in 1961, Jackson studied zoology at St Peter's College, Oxford, but spent most of his time painting in the surrounding countryside and attending classes at the Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art. Known for his large-scale and atmospheric paintings, Jackson's work reflects a concern with natural history, ecology and the environment. As an ambassador for Survival International, Jackson will be donating proceeds from the sale of two paintings to the charity.

To accompany this exhibition, a fully illustrated book is available with an introductory essay by Will Self and selected poems by the artist. For images and more information, please contact the gallery on 020 7734 1732 or art@redfern-gallery.com.



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