

## **Press Release**

## FRANCE COURPOTIN Exhibition At

## Art Galleries Europe 18 Maddox Street, Mayfair, London W1S 1PL

Opens Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Closes Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Opening times: 11.00 – 18.00 Monday to Saturday Private View: Tuesday 18th March 18.00 – 22.00 Website link: <u>http://www.francecourpotin.com</u>

France Courpotin was born in the French village of Mazamet, in the South West of France. She has been influenced since a very early age by the vivid colours of her place of origin.

The light of Provence, where she has been living for many years, is a constant source of inspiration. Her paintings reflect her passion for many forms of expression, such as dancing, which she has been practicing since she was a child.

France says, of her paintings -

"Each one of us is a kaleidoscope, always in motion.

The idea of the kaleidoscope was born from the fascination that I have with the complexity of human identity.

The known or unknown roots define each individual's DNA whether we like it or not. The beautiful and ugly thing, secrets, untold stories, each fragment of our history, constitutes our kaleidoscope. Pushing away some fragments would to deny a whole facet of oneself. Ideally one would want to comprehend and accept oneself in order to move forward.

I impart movement to the images in my paintings because, as individuals tend to deny certain aspects of themselves, to forget, to subsume unwanted facets, they expose themselves to an amplifying boomerang effect. It is not because one forgets but because one recognizes and accepts that all the facets combine and eventually form an image that truly represents the self."

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