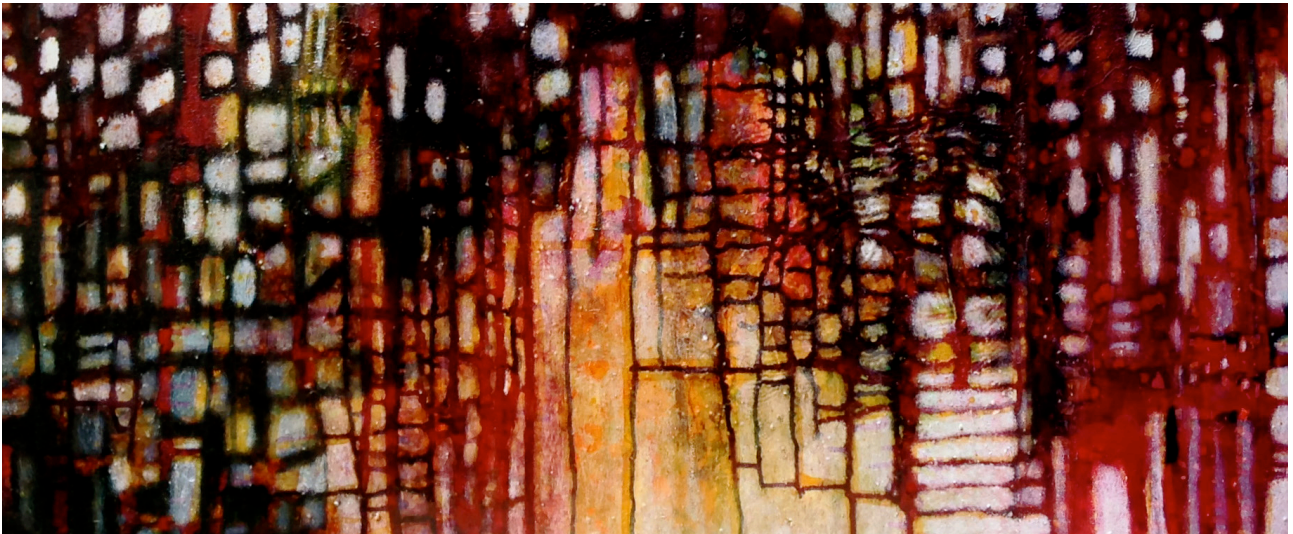


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CAIA MATHESON

Caia Matheson is an award-winning contemporary oil painter based in Brighton, UK. She was born in Johannesburg and educated in Tokyo and London. Matheson has exhibited widely in the UK, and has been shortlisted for numerous awards, including winning Brighton Artist of the Year in 2004. Matheson painted Europe's first Rainbow Pedestrian Crossing Brighton in 2014, and in 2013 her work was selected by author Neil Gaiman for the book *A Calendar of Tales*.

Matheson is inspired by wabi sabi, or the beauty of imperfection.

For Matheson, painting is a very physical process. She loves to mix paint mediums and experiment with the effects. This, for her, can be the most exciting part of the creative process. Her mediums are oils – tubes of oil paint, oil bars, oil pastels and mixtures of oil paints and dyes. She enjoys the texture consistency and smell of them. Matheson paints with her hands and washing-up sponges onto canvases laid flat on the floor, building and scratching off layers of oil paint to create a world within worlds.

The layers are designed in a way to expose different subjects of the composition. These subjects are buried in the dark and light spaces and come out and disappear as the light changes presenting different aspects depending on shifting light conditions and mood.

## SELECTED RECENT EXHIBITIONS:

- 2017 PROJECT2017, Gallery Elena Shchukina, London
- 2016 FLUX, The Old Truman Brewery, London
- 2016 FLUX ,The Royal College of Art, London
- 2015 *Connect 2 Colour*, Lacey Contemporary Gallery, London
- 2015 *Elements*, Gabriel Fine Art Gallery, London
- 2015 Lungs, Brighton
- 2015 Brighton Festival Artists Open Houses
- 2015 Women's Art Exhibition, Brush Gallery, Brighton
- 2015 BOAT Theatre Auction, Brighton
- 2014 Artists Open Studios, Brighton
- 2014 The Other Art Fair, Old Truman Brewery, London
- 2014 RISE Charity Auction, Amex Stadium, Brighton
- 2014 Europe's first Rainbow Pedestrian Crossing, Brighton (public art)
- 2014 Artist's Open Studios, Brighton
- 2014 The Other Art Fair, Ambika P3, London
- 2014 Clyde & Co Solicitors, Guildford
- 2014 The Hospital Club, London
- 2013 Open Studio Brighton
- 2013 World Aids Day Charity Exhibition, Brighton Dome, Brighton
- 2013 Art4Aid Charity Auction, Plumpton
- 2013 AAF Battersea, London
- 2013 The Other Art Fair, Old Truman Brewery, London
- 2013 *Down To The Bone*, Onca Gallery, Brighton
- 2013 Northern Art Exhibition, West Yorkshire
- 2013 Oxford Art Fair, Oxford
- 2013 Open Studio Brighton UK May 2013