



Natalia Avdeeva: Above and Beyond

20 June-2 July 2017

Bankside Gallery, Thames Riverside, 48 Hopton St, London SE1 9JH.
Open daily 11am-6pm.

Over 150 paintings, drawings and studies by Natalia Avdeeva ROI, plus a fashion collection inspired by her work by designer Siah Howard.

Hidden vistas, secret coastlines and unexplored beauty spots of the British countryside are revealed in a new series of immersive landscape paintings by the Russian artist Natalia Avdeeva to be held this summer at Bankside Gallery. Avdeeva was born and spent her childhood in the Altai region of Siberia, a country with a starkly different environment to the UK. Since arriving in London in 2005, she has been fascinated with the British landscape: " *I love the constantly changing hues and dramatic skies in Britain,*

the tremendous variety of landscapes and in particular the low tides where natural treasures are revealed and then swept away at the blink of an eye." She says.

Avdeeva works a great deal outdoors - in all climates - as she likes to almost become a part of the landscape that she is painting. *"Working 'en plein air' forces me out of the comfort zone of my studio and up on the cliffs of Devon and the streets of London."* She explains. *"I get challenged by the weather, passers-by, the changing lights and temperatures. Each expedition is an adventure that I try to capture in my work. The experiences are often challenging, but always rewarding."*

The exhibition title 'Above and Beyond' refers to the locations where she paints. 'Above' as she chooses elevated spots such as mountain peaks and cliff tops to set up her palette and easel. 'Beyond' is a reference to 'beyond the horizon' or off-the-beaten-track. Avdeeva travels to little-known places in Britain of spectacular beauty and is surprised how many unexplored the British countryside is. 'Above and Beyond' also refers to the powerful emotions she experiences while painting outdoors - an alien figure, yet a vital part of the natural environments where she works. The Scilly Isles, Cornwall and Devon are among the rural locations presented in over 150 paintings, studies and drawings at Bankside.

Art Meets Fashion

Inspired by Natalia Avdeeva's work the fashion designer Siah Howard has designed a collection that will be shown in a show during the exhibition on 28 June.

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Natalia Avdeeva trained and worked as an artist in Barnaul, Siberia and St. Petersburg, Russia before coming to London 11 years ago to complete her studies with diplomas in Fine Art and Print-Making at Heatherley College of Fine Art. Her extensive training in art has led to her develop a unique studio technique that combines elements of painting and print-making. See more here: <http://www.nataliaavdeeva.com/creative-techniques/>

Natalia has exhibited widely in public and commercial galleries and art fairs across Europe. She is a member of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters (ROI) and the recipient of both Russian and British awards and prizes including the Windsor and Newton Young Artist Award (2011) and the Royal Society of Marine Artists Young Artist Award (2016). She was shortlisted in BBC's Show me the Monet' series in 2013. Collectible, and increasingly sought-after, her paintings have been exported to private and public collections in Japan, China, Tanzania, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, UK, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Sweden and France in the past few years. She lives and works in Chelsea, London where she co-manages Plein Air Contemporary, a gallery in the King's Road. Cityscapes of Chelsea are included in the exhibition.

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Events

20 June 'Vernissage' Gala Evening 5.30pm -9.30pm

RSVP for tickets.

21 June 'Behind The Scene' Artist's Exhibition Tour 2pm-3pm

23 June 'Working in Oils' Group Demonstration (£10)

28 June 'Art meets Fashion' 5.30pm -9.30pm

With guest speaker Eric Ho, Fashion show by Siah Howard.

30 June 'Finnisage' Gala Evening 5.30pm -9.30pm

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