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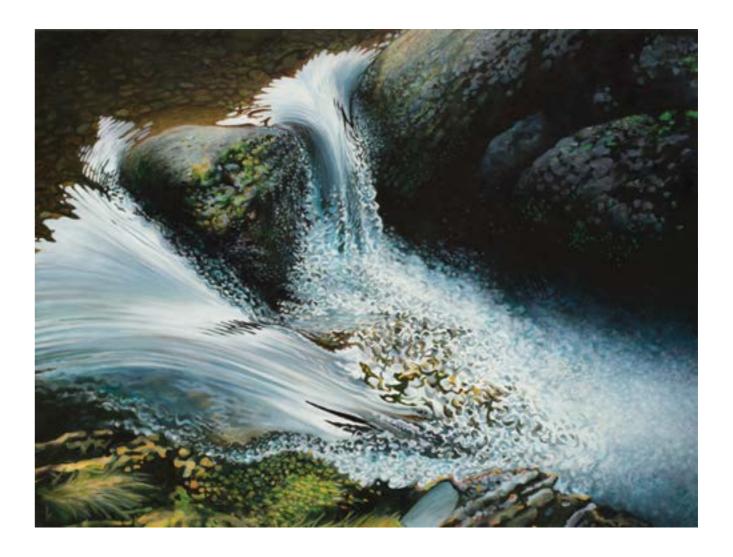
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Water and light are the very essence of life, and the way in which they interact is completely mesmerizing. The constant motion and refracting, reflecting nature of water makes light dance, bringing it to life in a way that nothing else in the world of solid reality does. This entangled relationship is changed further by water's surroundings as it journeys through the world in a state of continual evolution. As it hangs weightless in the air, cascades down a mountainside, surges in turbid flood across the earth, dissipates into the salty sea to be-calmed or whipped up by the wind, it takes on very different properties that can evoke very strong emotions in us as we experience them. Its ever-changing moods are woven throughout mankind's spiritual experience of the world and are a deep running source of nurture to the soul. It revives with its cleansing qualities as we both drink and wash in it, while the weightless feeling of swimming and floating in water sets us free from gravity's reality – an experience that can totally refresh the spirit. When we want to escape, water in its many different shapes is where we most often go. The sea and sound of waves on a shore evokes such happy memories in so many of us that it becomes a well of hope and optimism that we can draw on when the daily grind gets too much.

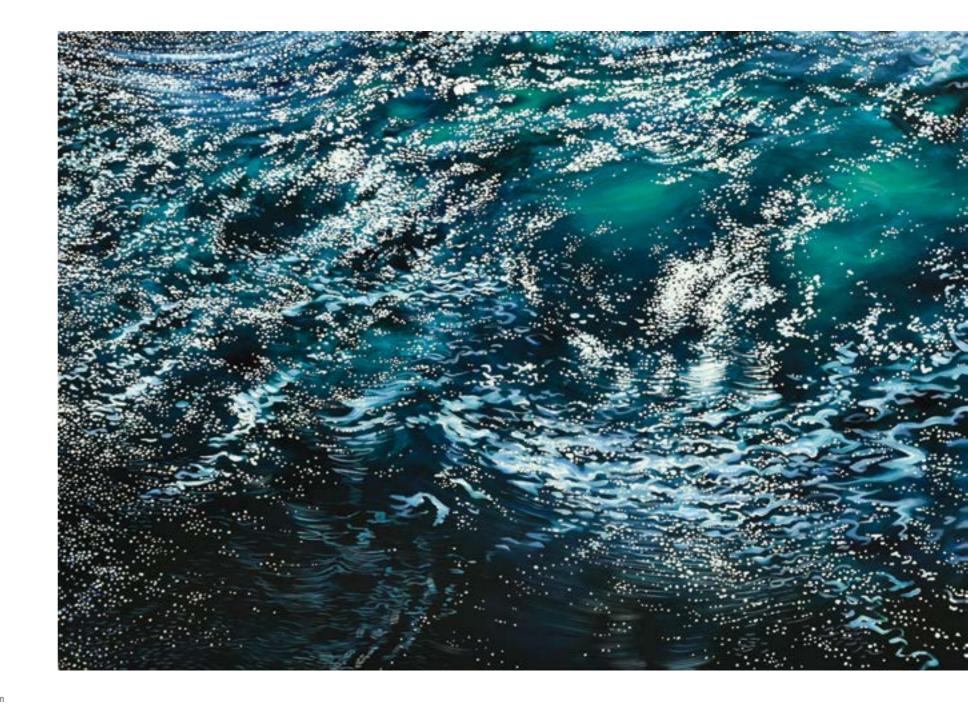
With these paintings, I have set out to try to capture water's vitality and energy. Painting its elusive transient qualities is not always easy, and I have tried to reflect its constant variation by using paint in different ways. From the crystal cascade of a mountain stream to the rhythm, movement and sound of the waves, I have used different scales and energy of marks to try to express some of its many different moods. I feel that I have only just scratched the surface of such a large and diverse subject matter, so this show is just a chapter of an ongoing journey.

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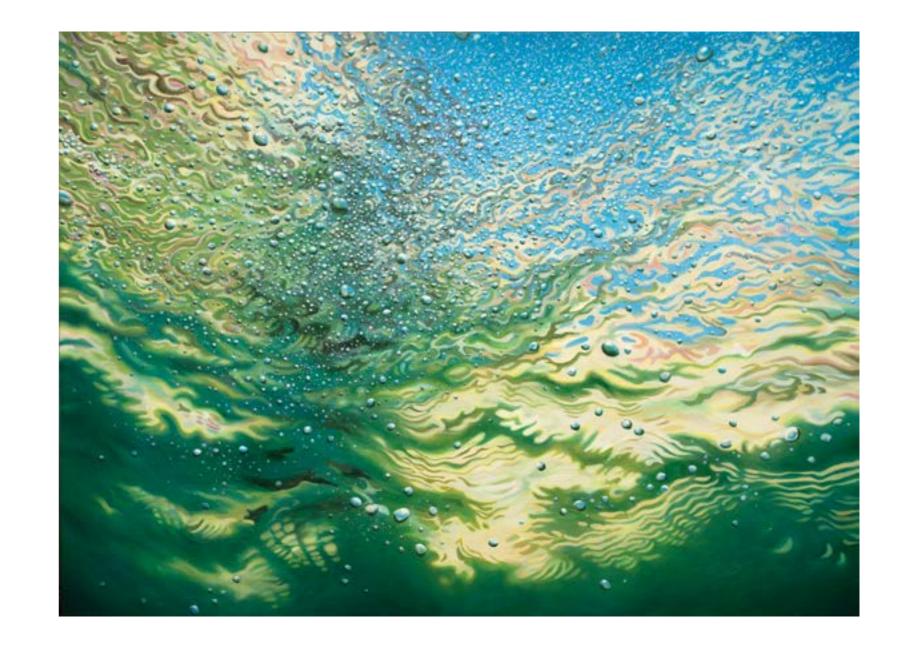
1. Mountain Stream oil on canvas 83 x 120 cm



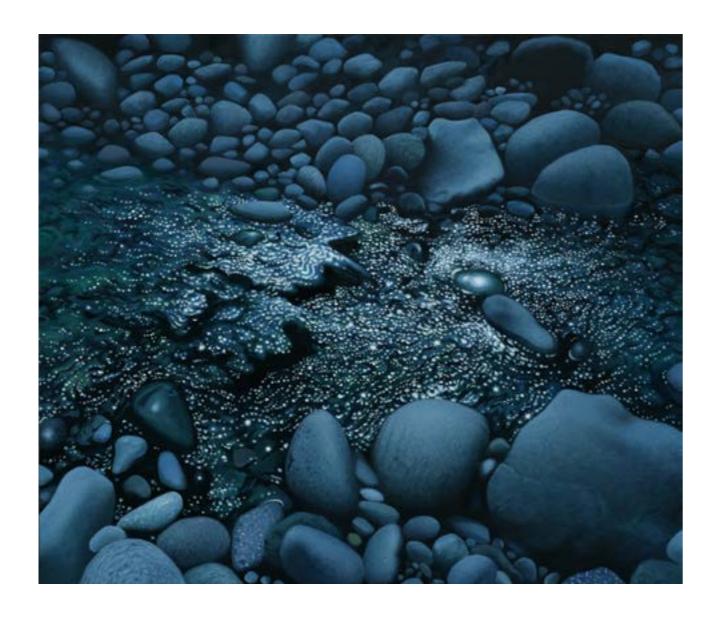


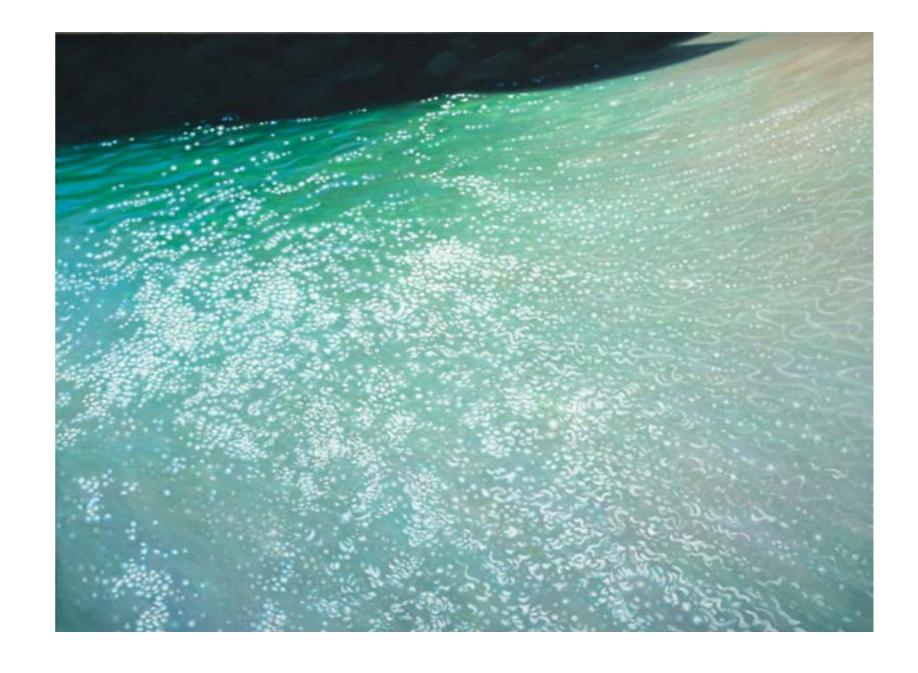
2. Rolling in oil on canvas 80 x 140 cm 3. The Sea oil on canvas 160 x 225 cm





4. Cosmic Backwater oil on canvas 100 x 140 cm





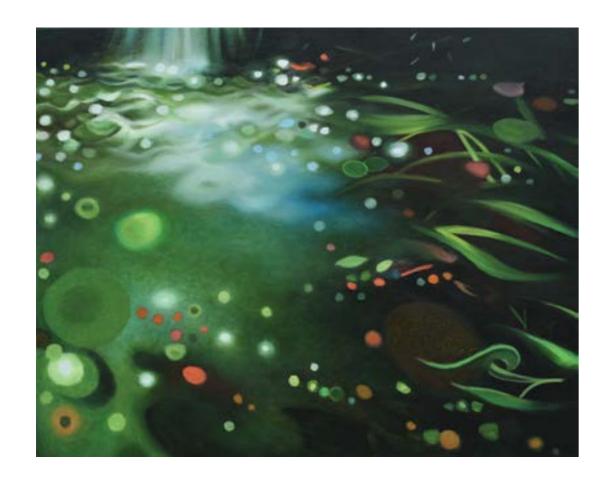
6. Passage of Time oil on canvas 120 x 140 cm

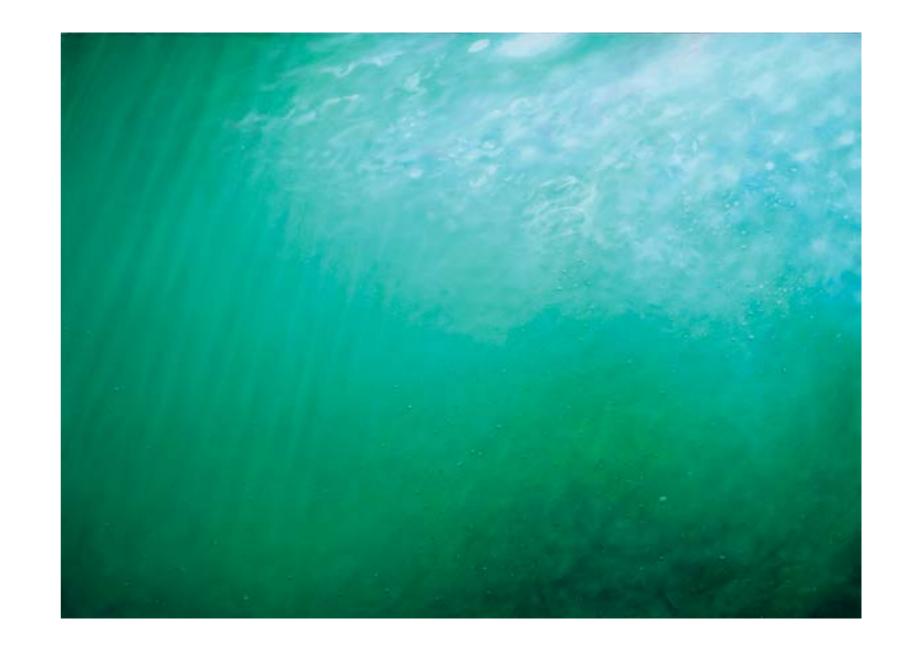




9. Warm Shallows oil on canvas 100 x 140 cm

8. Drift oil on canvas 100 x 120 cm





10. The Edge of the Flow oil on canvas 80 x 100 cm





13. The Turmoil of the Shadows oil on canvas 100 x 140 cm

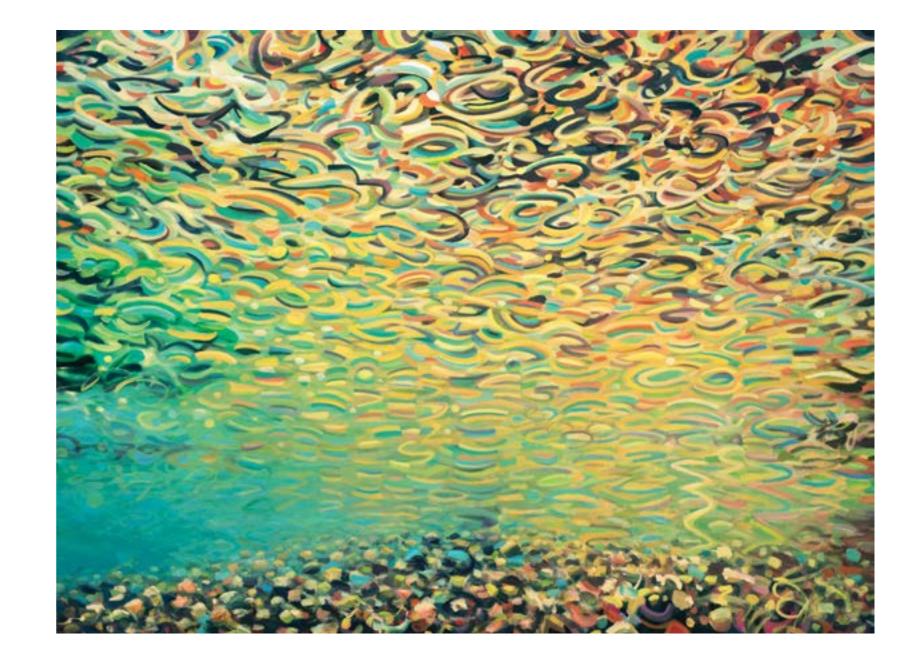






14. Pallet 83 oil on canvas 30 x 40 cm 15. Pallet 82 oil on canvas 30 x 40 cm 15. Pallet 82 oil on canvas 30 x 40 cm





17. Aquamist oil on canvas 80 x 100 cm



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