

- We were thrilled to launch our new gallery space in September with an impeccable exhibition of Helen MacAlister's paintings and drawings in *The Glamour of Backwardness*.
- The current exhibition is *Tangents*, by distinguished Scottish sculptor Jake Harvey, RSA. (See below).
- Do pop in for the *Art First Christmas Show* which runs every day, Noon to 7.30pm for a week from Monday 28 November to Saturday 3 December. Small, collectable works at seasonal goodwill prices - choose, buy, and carry away a treasure with a great story behind it.
- Save the date for the *London Art Fair*, 18 – 22 January 2023, Stand 10, Business Design Centre, Islington N1 0QH. [Contact Art First for tickets](#).



Jake Harvey *Tangents* 26 October – 25 November

Jake Harvey has been exhibiting with Art First since the 1990's. Following a break, it is a great pleasure to present his recent wall reliefs carved in white Carrara marble and in dark basalt. Related works on paper and a group of small free-standing sculptures add to this beautiful, tactile encounter with stone.

A fascinating aspect is that the basalt wall reliefs each had a previous life as functional setts (cut cobbles) in the fine town square of Kelso in the Scottish Borders where Harvey lives. For hundreds of years the elements of Scottish weather, and human, animal and motorised traffic, smoothed the stones, adding their traces to those ancient geological markings already there. Harvey has attended to these by carving, honing or incising his subtle interventions and responses, to create landscape and archeologically inspired transformations of the worn setts into contemporary wall reliefs. From floor to wall – a conceptual 'lift', reductive yet sensuous, conveying a resonant sense of stilled time.

His work is held in key collections throughout Scotland and he has undertaken several large scale commissions. As Emeritus Professor, Edinburgh College of Art, he continues with commissions, projects and exhibitions. For more information visit the gallery website or get in touch. Prices in the exhibition range from £1,300 to £4,800.



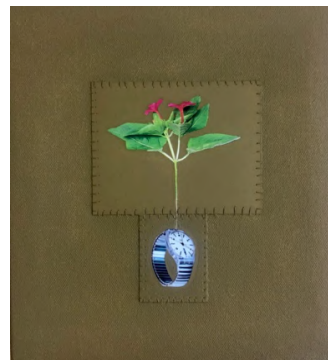
Left to right: *Tangents in situ*, *Red Moon*, Granite, D 24cm, *Torc*, White Carrara marble, 18 x 18 x 5 cm

A Special Six - Day Christmas Show

Monday 28 November – Saturday 3 December. Open every day from Noon – 7.30 pm.

Our Post Card Project is back! Paintings or mixed media works on a postcard sized format by gallery artists for £400-£600 are enticingly available, mounted or framed: perfect as special gifts to start or expand a collection. The artists have work held in museums, there are good catalogues and excellent track records, so your small treasure will be a timely cultural investment. There are mid - size canvases too, and some surprises. Payments schemes are on offer.

Email or call to arrange a visit. There is free parking after 6.30pm.



Gillian Lever *Drench*, 2020
oil on card, 20 x 25cm

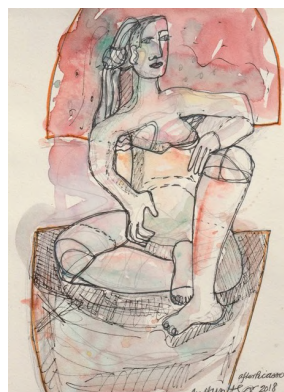
Jake Harvey *Two Fishes*
bronze, 24 x 28 cm, edition 6 of 9

Mimei Thompson *Last Leaves*, 2022,
oil on canvas, 40 x 30cm

Helen MacAlister *Four o' Clock Plant*
lamine on canvas, 19 x 17cm

Güler Ates *Wing of Yellow II*,
(RA print library) digital print,
Image size 23.8 x 23.7cm,
edition of 40

Margaret Hunter *After Picasso I*, 2018
watercolour on card, 18.8 x 14cm



Previous exhibition: **Helen MacAlister, *The Glamour of Backwardness***

If you missed the September opening exhibition of Helen's exquisite paintings, you will be able to see six of the triptychs and diptychs installed on the walls in the office area. In addition, there is an online catalogue, and good installation photographs by Justin Piperger on the gallery website:

www.artfirst.co.uk/current



Helen MacAlister *The Seat of the Imaginative Faculty*, oil on linen sextych, each panel 29.7 x 21 cm

British Art Fair, Saatchi Gallery, 28 September – 2 October 2022

Many thanks to all of you who visited our stand this year. We were delighted to present work by **Simon Lewty**, **Bridget Macdonald**, **Kate McCrickard**, **Jack Milroy** and **Donald Teskey** all of whom were discovered afresh in this context, and works found homes with new collectors. Special thanks to Kate who arrived from Paris with more paintings directly from the studio - just as well, they were selling almost before they were hung.

London Art Fair

Save the Date: 18– 22 January 2023, Business Design Centre, Upper Street, Islington N1 0QH

For the 35th edition of London Art Fair's 'start the year' event in Islington, we will be on our usual stand no 10 on the mezzanine level.

This year you can see a previously unexhibited large work by **Simon Lewty**, and works by **Helen MacAlister**, **Will Maclean**, **Kate McCrickard** and **Jack Milroy**, to reflect the gallery's exhibition programme.

Throughout January there is a changing mixed exhibition including stone pieces by **Jake Harvey**, drawings by **Margaret Hunter**, paintings by **Gillian Lever**, **Alex Lowery**, **Bridget Macdonald**, **Donald Teskey**, and **Mimei Thompson**, boxed brass sculptures and collages by **Luciano Bonomi**, and photographic work by **Güler Ates** and **Graeme Williams**.

Gallery hours:

The gallery will be open by appointment from 6 December – 25 January.

From 25 January we will be open during the usual hours, Wed – Fri 11 am – 6pm, and by appointment. For any enquiries please contact Clare Cooper: clare@artfirst.co.uk