

JACOB VAN SCHALKWYK

paintings

2023



Alba

In a rental car, driving the roads around Glasgow, circumnavigating Loch Lomond, stopping to swim in Loch Lubhair, getting home in the dark... go again, this time a long weekend, keep within the speed limit all the way to Oban, the sea, the hotel room, the warm view, the music, the language, reminding me of my own – all I wanted was to paint, which I did, when I'd returned to Cape Town.

I made five small paintings inspired by my time in Scotland. They were exhibited by Suburbia Contemporary at the 2023 Cape Town Art Fair.



An t-Òban, Muthu Alexandra Pool, Oil on Linen, 2023. 450 x450mm



Ek Sgeir Mhaol, Oil on Linen, 2023. 450 x450mm



Valle van Falloch, Oil on Linen, 2023. 450 x450mm



Swen in Loch Iubhair, Oil on Linen, 2023. 450 x450mm



Surfer's Eye

There is a cactus plant that grows by the back gate of our complex. It flowers very rarely. The flowers open at night only. After the second night, they are gone. Seeing them in bloom feels magical. This year, one of the flowers left a dragon fruit. This has never happened before.

I take the fruit inside to steal its colours.
I make beautiful rainbow paintings. They're crap.
I muck them up. They're great.

Surfer's Eye is a condition that affects the vision of someone who's stared at the ocean for too long.



STUDIO, Sea Point, Cape Town, March 2023



Surfer's Eye _01, Oil on Linen, 2023. 450 x450mm



Surfer's Eye _02, Oil on Linen, 2023. 450 x450mm



Surfer's Eye _03, Oil on Linen, 2023. 450 x450mm



Surfer's Eye _04, Oil on Linen, 2023. 450 x450mm



Vacuum Propulsion

“Between certainty and complete uncertainty there is as precious intermediate space – and it is in this intermediate space that our lives and our thoughts unfold.”
– Carlo Rovelli



Vacuum Propulsion, Oil on Linen, 2023. 900 x 950mm



Jet Propulsion, Oil on Linen, 2023. 900 x 950mm



Carpe Demon, Oil on Linen, 2023. 950 x 900mm



Darpe Cemon, Oil on Linen, 2023. 950 x 900mm





Kleurtoets_01, Oil and acrylic on Board, 2023. 440 x 430mm



Kleurtoets_02, Oil on Linen, 2023. 300 x 320mm



Kleurtoets _03, Oil and acrylic on Board, 2023. 300 x 320mm



Kleurtoets _04, Oil and acrylic on Board, 2023. 300 x 320mm



Kleurtoets _05, Oil and acrylic on Board, 2023. 300 x 320mm



Kleurtoets _06, Oil and acrylic on Board, 2023. 200 x 245mm



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Kleurtoets _07, Oil and acrylic on Board, 2023. 200 x 245mm