

PRESS RELEASE

Arcadia
Katie Allen Solo Exhibition

5th-21st November 2026

Cube Gallery, 16 Crawford Street, London W1H 1BS



“A utopian escape, an unspoiled paradise, a refuge where we can imagine a better, unblemished world.”

During the Renaissance and Baroque eras (c. 1350-1600 and 1600 - 1750 respectively), European artists revived the classical ideal of Arcadia. They transformed it from a simple poetic setting to a profound symbol of the human condition, mortality, and longing. Through her paintings, Katie seeks to create idealised and harmonious landscapes—places of beauty, stillness, and serenity free of human interference. These imaginative landscapes are rooted in spaces Katie has walked through and been moved by. Her works continuously ask the question of how we may find Arcadia; perhaps it is in those fleeting moments of presence and awe that we experience when in nature. This exhibition is an ode to a beautiful world which is slipping away, and a hopeful cry for an imagined future in which human interference has receded, allowing nature to recover, flourish, and exist once again on its own terms.

Biography:

Katie Allen was born in Kingston upon Thames in 1967, but moved to Swansea at a young age. She studied Fine Art Painting at the University of Bath and obtained a PGCE in Art and Design from the University of Cardiff in 1996. Following some years teaching abroad, since 2006 Katie has been painting full-time, based back in her native Swansea, Wales. She finds significant inspiration in the changing seasons and landscapes found across South Wales. The landscapes seen in her works are often recognisable, but heavily ornamented with detailed abstract patterns and mark-making.

Katie has exhibited widely and successfully across the UK, Europe, and the States. She has also been granted a large and significant commission by the Morrison Hospital in Swansea, which entailed the creation of a series of paintings to be displayed in the Hospital's New Outpatients Building.

About Cube Gallery:

Founded in Bristol in 2002, Cube Gallery has grown into a leading contemporary art space with an international following, now based in Marylebone, London. We represent a carefully curated selection of British and international contemporary artists. Cube provides bespoke services for clients, collaborating with designers and architects on global projects, and exhibiting at prestigious art fairs including Art Miami, COLLECT London, Art Central Hong Kong and SOFA Chicago. This exhibition is part of our ongoing commitment to showcase innovative works by both emerging and established artists.

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Monday to Friday, from 10:30 to 18:30
Saturday from 10:30 to 17.00
Other times by appointment

