



## TESSA HOUGHTON

Ever since I can remember I have always scribbled, sketched and painted. I went on to study Fine Art at Liverpool John Moores University and after completing my degree moved back to Lancashire for a short time. In 2000 I moved to Barcelona and began to paint the sea.

I would describe my work as semi abstract and mainly focused on natural landscapes. I work in oils and mixed media on canvas. My inspiration is taken from the places I spend the most time; the Catalan coast, Pyrenees mountains and the dramatic and beautiful countryside of northern England.

I try to capture and translate a mood within my work based on limitless horizons and the ethereal qualities of light affecting landscapes and seascapes. I believe in the power of suggestion and my paintings tend to hover between abstraction and figuration. The resulting images are ambiguous rather than definitive. I like the idea that they will trigger a memory or a sensation by being recognisable or familiar in some way and the final interpretation is left open to the viewer. I like to play with and distort perspectives so that in one moment you may feel you are soaring above the landscape yet at others you feel you are able to walk right into it. Each painting offers a different perspective and possibility; sometimes dramatic, other times hazy and subdued. The viewer is invited to respond and react to them individually.

Paint and other mediums are applied in a variety of methods so that intense layers of texture contrast with areas of smooth subtlety. Whilst light and depth are key components, colour and form are simplified to capture the true essence of the subject matter.

My paintings have been exhibited extensively throughout the UK and in various places around the world, such as Barcelona, Singapore, Hong Kong, and New York.

## Exhibitions:

### Solo

Sept	2014	'Recent Works' The Mermaid conference and events centre, London
Jan	2014	'Northern Landscape' The Bowery Art Gallery, Leeds
Oct	2012	'Northern Light' The Wap, Whittle Le woods
Apr	2011	'Traces of Light' The Lowry Hotel Manchester
Apr	2010	'Nuevas Perspectivas' Gracia Arts Project, Barcelona
Jun	2008	'Selected works' Melisal Bistro Barcelona
Dec	2007	'Elements' Gracia Arts Project, Barcelona
Sept	2007	'Horizons' Gracia Arts Project, Barcelona
Feb	2007	'Obres recientes' Galeria Ferlandina, Barcelona
Jan	2005	Smooth BCN, Barcelona
Jul	2000	The Howard Francis Gallery, Stockport
Jun	2000	The Ox, Manchester
Apr	2000	Barca', Catalan Square, Manchester
Jul	1998	Wade Smith, (Head Offices)Colonial Chambers, Liverpool

### Group

Jul	2014	'Selected works' The Tetley Gallery Leeds
Jul	2014	'Selected works' Waterside Gallery St Ives
May	2014	'Selected works' Gallery 54, Ross on Wye
Apr	2014	'Selected works' Art Exposure Gallery, Glasgow
Mar	2014	AAF Hong Kong, Represented by Fairfax Gallery
Nov	2013	AAF Singapore Represented by Fairfax Gallery
Oct	2013	AAF Battersea Represented by Fairfax Gallery
Jun	2013	Yorkshire Artists Part 5, Leeds Gallery
Mar	2013	AAF Hong Kong, Represented by Fairfax Gallery
Feb	2013	'LANDSCAPE' Gallery Top, Matlock, Derbyshire
Feb	2013	'Selected Works' Take To Art Gallery, Lichfield
Jan	2013	'New Year Show' Blackheath Gallery
Nov	2012	AAF Singapore, Represented by Fairfax Gallery
Oct	2012	AAF Battersea, Represented by Fairfax Gallery
Jul	2012	'Summer Show' The Russell Gallery, London
Jun	2012	'Summer Show' Blackheath Gallery, London
Apr	2012	Mayne Gallery, South Devon
Jan	2012	'Selected Works' George Thornton Gallery, Nottingham
Oct	2011	'Selected Works' Canvas gallery, London
Nov	2011	'Christmas show' Blackheath gallery, London
July	2011	'Selected Works' Ascot Studios, Ribchester
May	2011	'Selected Works' Mooch Art Gallery, Manchester
Jan	2011	'New Year show' Blackheath gallery, London
Dec	2008	Villa Del Arte, C/Tapineria 39, Barcelona
Jun	2007	Galeria Ferlandina, Barcelona, Summer Show
Jul	1998	JMU Degree Show, Myrtle St Liverpool
Jul	1998	Mercedes Benz Road Range, Showroom,
Apr	1997	Hope Street Gallery, Liverpool