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The word fathom has two meanings. One is a measurement, and the other is a reckoning. Both require an understanding of the shape of the world around us. Chiefly used to measure the depth of water, a fathom derives from the Old English word meaning outstretched arms and measures the approximate space from fingertip to fingertip across the heart space of an adult human. The second meaning of fathom is to understand a complex idea.

The word fathom offers insight into the human condition. In its dual meaning, fathom proposes a complex weaving of anatomies and minds, humans and landscape together. The idea replaces the binary concepts of mind over body and human over nature, as Western thinkers have previously suggested.

The coastal landscape (the environment my body is intricately connected to) offers a compelling sensory field for me to explore my being—this is why I am drawn to it.

My painting practice engages a method of cultivated curiosity: slowing down and attuning my senses to the landscape, thereby accessing embodied knowledge that arises from thinking and feeling in unison.

Nature speaks to me in nonverbal languages of light, colour, texture, temperature and tone; these are also the languages of painting. Painting is a collaboration between the sensory body, the mind and emotion, the material pigments and ground. Through the artworks in this exhibition, I borrow these languages to fathom a bond between myself and the landscape:

a bond that is both commonplace and mystifying.













Fathoms
Oil + acrylic on cotton
152cm x 244cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$12,500









Biology of Memory
Oil + acrylic on cotton
152cm x 244cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$12,500





As it Was in the Beginning
Oil + acrylic on cotton
152cm x 244cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$12,500



Shimmering Sequence
Oil on polycotton
31cm x 36cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$1200



April Dawn
Oil on polycotton
31cm x 36cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$1200



Days Like This
Oil on polycotton
31cm x 36cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$1200



Everything Looks Beautiful to Me Oil on polycotton 31cm x 36cm Framed in Tasmanian oak \$1200







We Can Live and We Will
Oil on polycotton
31cm x 36cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$1200



Whale Country
Oil on polycotton
31cm x 36cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$1200



Homing Instinct
Oil on polycotton
31cm x 36cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$1200



Honey Cinnamon Sea
Oil on polycotton
31cm x 36cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$1200







A Perfect Day
Oil on polycotton
31cm x 36cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$1200



Awakening
Oil on polycotton
31cm x 36cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$1200



Remember in Every Cell of Your Being Oil on polycotton 31cm x 36cm Framed in Tasmanian oak \$1200



The Edge of the Foggy Coast
Oil on polycotton
31cm x 36cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$1200



World Without End
Oil on polycotton
31cm x 36cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$1200



Vagus Tide
Oil on polycotton
31cm x 36cm
Framed in Tasmanian oak
\$1200





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