

JACOB LITTLEJOHN

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BIOGRAPHY

Edinburgh-based painter Jacob Littlejohn is a recent graduate of Glasgow School of Art's BA Painting and Printmaking and has participated in group and solo shows throughout Scotland.

Consistently demonstrative of a remarkable eye for composition and a surety of concept, Littlejohn's paintings are striking in their variety and use of tone. Deep, plush crimsons are perfectly overlaid even deeper inky purples and blues, while flights of gold carve up portions of raw canvas in a way that appears almost mathematical.

This is precision painting -- as meticulous and exact as graphic design but more moving, more guttural, more humorous. Littlejohn's work frequently suggests a kind of infinity beyond and behind it -- as though what is being seen is but a loosely, elegantly realised fragment of a much larger image. He notes an interest in the 'theatre' of abstract expressionism, in its ability to reveal and occlude. His work seems almost to toy with the details of that movement's canonical images, blowing them up on a series of technically sumptuous stages of perfectly technical canvas and oil paint.

EDUCATION

2018

Glasgow School of Art, *1st Class in Painting and Printmaking, BA (Hons)*

2015

Edinburgh College, *Contemporary Art Practice- A, HNC*

2014

Edinburgh College, *Art and Design- Distinction*

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019

The Presentation of Self, Arusha Gallery, Edinburgh
Communication Out of Character, 24 Hour Window, The 13thNote, Glasgow

2018

Jacob Littlejohn Solo Show, Aberdeen, No. 8 creative, Curated Stories Studio, Aberdeen

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020

30 x 30 Online Edition, SSA Open Call, online show
Love in the Time of COVID, The Alchemy Experiment, Glasgow
For Scott & Kev, Group Pop up – London Show, Ltd Ink Corporation, Edinburgh
On the Table, Marram Arts, online show
Open Window, Square Gallery, online show
Above the Belt, Circus Art Space, Inverness
London Art Fair 2020, Arusha Gallery, London
Borders Art Fair, Visual Arts Scotland, Kelso, Scotland

2019

Delphian Gallery Open call 2019, The Print Space, London
Shortlisted for BEERS Gallery, Contemporary Visions 2019, London
SSA | VAS Open 2019, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh
Little Originals, Dock Street Studios,
DundeeHIX Art Award, HIX Gallery, London

2018

Not Another Degree Show, Chelsea and Kensington Art Fair, London
Degree Show, The Glasgow School of Art, Tontine building, Trongate, Glasgow
And Another Thing, New Glasgow Society, Glasgow

2017

Series 3, The Glue Factory, Glasgow
Material Girl, The Old Hairdressers and Stereo, Glasgow
Anniversary, DOK Artist Space Steel Shed, Edinburgh

2016

PAT Tested, Grace and Clark Fyfe Gallery, Glasgow
Let's Limbo, SWG3, Glasgow
25% EXTRA, Laurieston Arches, Glasgow
WPS Opening, West Princess Street

2015

**Nothing in Common*, Argyle House, Edinburgh
Office Party, By **Nothing in Common*, Argyle House, Edinburgh

2014

The Great Big Art Show, Edinburgh College, Edinburgh

AWARDS**2019**

Delphian Gallery Open Call 2019
HIX Award Finalist, HIX Art Gallery

2018

KCAW Youth Division x Vardaxoglou Prize Winner, Selected for solo exhibition in 2019,
as part of the Kensington and Chelsea Art Weekend 2019

RESIDENCIES**2019-2020**

Structured Graduate Residency, Leith School of Art

PUBLICATIONS**2019**

Art Pistol, <https://www.artpistol.co.uk/abstract-art-playfulness>

2018

The Art Guide, Homes and Interiors Scotland, Issue 122, 11&12/18 Edition
Selected for Saatchi Gallery's Annual Report of Emerging Artist's,
<https://www.saatchiart.com/invest-in-art>
Selected for *Friend of The Artist* Vol.7 edition, 10/18