

Damien Flood: Counter Earth

With a master's degree in fine art from NCAD still warm in his hand. Damien Flood has already made a name for himself here and at the Saatchi Space in London during Frieze 2008. It is easy to see why: his modestly-sized paintings share an aesthetic and palette that is singular, refined and experimental. Influenced by Japanese Ukiyo-e painting, this exhibition of new works features mountains in a symbolic role, emerging from the void in paintings such as Red Line, and in cross-sections, such as in Far Away Valley. Nature is also abstract. as in Coupling, where the tops of sparse trees stand in a wash of grey green mist, while their leaves are written across the canvas like a script. A combination of an earthy palette and atmospheric composition means that even when he takes a more abstract turn, as in Optical Band Width, left, his painterly DNA remains imprinted.

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