

Michael McHugh's art practice consistently explores colour, composition and textural abstract form with a strong connection to the natural world. McHugh collects a range of different photographs and drawings during research trips visiting museums, libraries and gardens around the world, returning to his studio to draw and create a series of collages, which lead to large format paintings.

With the use of gestural acrylic mark making, McHugh creates a layered abstraction moving between the paintings' surfaces and botanical shapes. Works are sometimes sombre and brooding, and at other times energetic and vibrant, with textural layers echoing moments in time. McHugh believes constant drawing to be fundamental to his painting process. This foundation enables him to fully explore composition and vigorously push boundaries with colour and technique, while also creating new organic forms.

His largest work to date (200 x 600 cm) and first public piece, *Swimming in the Clouds* (2022), was commissioned for the Public Gallery in Melbourne's Boroondara Arts Centre in the Hawthorne Town Hall Gallery.

Graduating from Whitecliffe College of Arts & Design in New Zealand, he has attended masterclasses in painting at the National Art School in Sydney. He is represented in Sydney by Martin Browne Contemporary Gallery, and Foenander Galleries in Auckland. McHugh will have his first solo exhibition at Milford Galleries in Queenstown in September this year. McHugh's work is held in a number of private collections in New Zealand, Australia, America and Europe.

Michael McHugh is represented by Martin Browne Contemporary, Sydney. Available works are subject to change, including prices and GST. All prices include GST



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### MARTIN BROWNE CONTEMPORARY



## Fiesta

2022 acrylic on canvas 180 x 150 cm \$18,000



## Fandango

2022 acrylic on canvas 180 x 150 cm \$18,000



## Lagoonia

2022 acrylic on canvas 150 x 150 cm \$15,000



## Violaceous

2022 acrylic on canvas 180 x 150 cm \$15,000



## Sea Faring

2022 acrylic on canvas 150 x 150 cm \$15,000



## Oasis

2022 acrylic on canvas 150 x 120 cm \$12,000



Strangers in love 2022-23 acrylic on canvas 120 x 106 cm \$9,000



Swimming in the clouds, 2022, acrylic on canvas, 200 x 600 cm (3 panels), \$60,000



## Ulysses

2022 acrylic on canvas 100 x 100 cm \$7,200



# Deeply 2023 acrylic on canvas 100 x 100 cm \$7,200



# **Prick**2022-23 acrylic on canvas 100 x 100 cm \$7,200



## Aitutaki

2023 acrylic on canvas 100 x 100 cm \$7,200



Truly
2023
acrylic on canvas
75 x 60 cm
\$4,800



**Delight**2020-2023
acrylic on canvas
75 x 75 cm
\$4,800



## **Good Morning**

2023 acrylic on canvas 60 x 50 cm \$4,000



## Surprise

2023 acrylic on canvas 50 x 50 cm \$3,500



Knit one pearl one 2020 acrylic on canvas 150 x 150 cm NFS



## Jitterbug 2020 acrylic on canvas 120 x 120 cm NFS



## Welcome home

2021 acrylic on canvas 74 x 72 cm NFS



Arboretum Avenue
2019
acrylic on canvas
60 x 60 cm
NFS