

# Frances Keevil at Studio W

6 Bourke St, Woolloomooloo NSW / Wed – Sun 10am – 5pm

## Alice Laura Palmer

Bodies of Work / 22 March – 2 April 2023

*Bodies of Work* originated as form of visual conversation, an experiment in exploding the complex interplay between the individual and their cultural environment.

In this series of paintings, I was initially preoccupied with merging still life and figurative genres into dreamscapes and emotional iconographic collages. As this concept matured it was infused with the basic principles of cognitive and perceptive neuroscience, and the series grew into an intricate visual vocabulary that reflects the internal landscape of my subjects while meditating on the creative practice of drawing itself.

In these paintings you can trace the lineage of the central philosophy of this thesis, as the entire painting process is exposed in the narrative structure of the

painted surface. At the heart of this exploration lies the concept of internal portraiture. Through the fusion of still life and figurative elements I capture the essence of my subjects; iterations of moments that stagger through our limited experience of linear time and space.

Much of our lives are spent in of our internal landscapes, and connections between these atavistic shared iconographies is a major preoccupation in my work.

Ultimately, painting is an intrinsically human process, a function of processing the external, floating world through the filters of nature– the eye, the mind, and the hand. No act of painting can be divorced entirely from the human, and this fact forms the basis of my work.

1. The Turn	oil on Belgian linen	81 x 60cm	\$3,800
2. Submerged	oil on Belgian linen	56 x 41cm	\$2,800
3. Bodies of Work	oil on Belgian linen	81 x 112cm	\$4,800
4. The Shapes of Absence	oil on Belgian linen	96 x 61cm	\$3,100
5. Exegesis	oil on Belgian linen	81 x 112cm	\$4,800
6. Exegesis Poppies	oil on Belgian linen	44.5 x 27.5cm	\$940
7. Descent, Still Life with Arch	oil on Belgian linen	91.5 x 81.5cm	\$4,100
8. The Horse	oil on Belgian linen	71 x 100cm	\$4,800
9. Pale Tide	oil on Belgian linen	81 x 112cm	\$4,800
10. Grevillea Palimpsest	oil on Belgian linen	72 x 50cm	\$2,400
11. Quince	oil on Belgian linen	22 x 31cm	\$850
12. Rosemary	oil on Belgian linen	28.5 x 20.5cm	\$850
13. Triple Red	oil on Belgian linen	32 x 35cm	\$850
14. Woven Forms	oil on Belgian linen	86 x 56cm	\$4,000
15. Fleshed Out, Shattering	oil on Belgian linen	46 x 82cm	\$3,100
16. Staggerscatch	oil on Belgian linen	58 x 151cm	\$4,300
17. Facsimilie Scene	oil on Belgian linen	57 x 87cm	\$3,100
18. Arranged (triptych)	oil on Belgian linen	86 x 120cm	\$4,900