

ALEXANDER/HEATH CONTEMPORARY IS TO PROUD TO PRESENT
A GROUP EXHIBITION BY NINE PAINTERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

ATMOSPHERES

SEPTEMBER 3 THROUGH OCTOBER 29, 2021

CURATED BY LAURA VAHLBERG

OPENING RECEPTION:

ART-BY-NIGHT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2021, 6-10 PM

A Note from the Curator:

Artist Lennart Anderson once said, "a painting is a box of light and air." This idea illustrates the concept of a painting being its own world where gravity works and light falls.

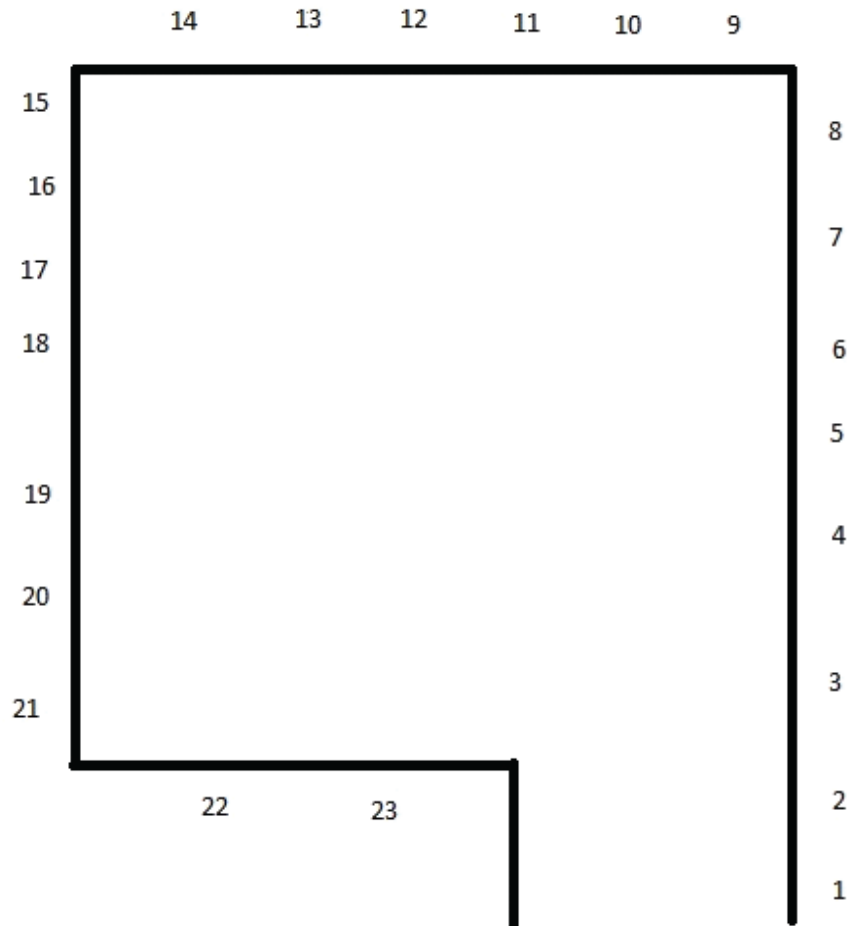
In "Atmospheres" the work of artists from 6 nations has been brought together at Alexander Heath Contemporary in Roanoke, Virginia. All of the work demonstrates a consideration of the quality of air in a painted space. In addition to the element of air there is a certain reality of light present in the work where the light source is very convincing-- it lays on the earth like a blanket. In Elise Schweitzer's paintings of Italy you can feel the lightness of air as if you are a bird flying over the cultivated land. The earth is sculpted with paint where the distance between the viewer and the motif is tactile. You can taste the dusty air of Jerusalem in Lena Chermoshniuk's architectural cityscapes and the humidity of London in Clare Haward's landscapes.

A pictorial consideration of space is also present-- how the subject of the picture takes up space in the rectangle of the painting. In Yonatan Becker's paintings of buildings there is a monumentality that transcends the actual size of the painting. In Ronit Goldschmidt's airplane landscape there is a bowl of air in the valley between mountains.

There is also a real humanity present in these works. Though they are representational paintings where certain facts are recorded, what is included creates a sort of narrative of how the artist sees. In Conrad Frankel's bonfire painting you can feel the fire and the darkness. Not all the facts are required to feel the heat and time of day and the hot smoke in your mouth. In Elana Hagler's Hampstead Lake, notice the thoughtful colors of the yellow lights from the building. Each lighted window is a loved and carefully crafted color.

Many of the artists have studied under art world giants such as Israel Hershberg, Ken Kewley, and Scott Noel. They live and paint in many parts of the world including Tuscany, London, Alabama, Jerusalem, the Irish countryside, Staunton, and our town of Roanoke, Virginia. Though they come from many cultures, they are united under a visual language that interprets atmospheres that are simultaneously unique and universal to the human experience.

ATMOSPHERES



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| 1. Elise Schweitzer, <i>Tiber River, Morning</i> \$900 | 13. Yonatan Becker, <i>Keramaikos</i> \$1200 |
| 2. Elana Hagler, <i>Monte Soratte</i> \$4200 | 14. Lena Chermoshniuk, <i>From the Garden</i> \$1200 |
| 3. Clare Haward, <i>Wales</i> \$1200 | 15. Conrad Frankel, <i>Hazy Day</i> \$800 |
| 4. Laura Vahlberg, <i>Curtain</i> \$500 | 16. Clare Haward, <i>Roman Compagna</i> \$1200 |
| 5. Ronit Goldschmidt, <i>Landscape with Palm Trees</i> \$1000 | 17. Elise Schweitzer, <i>View Towards Marciano</i> \$900 |
| 6. Conrad Frankel, <i>Late summer, Creagh Castle</i> \$800 | 18. Ronit Goldschmidt, <i>Landscape with Airplane</i> \$1000 |
| 7. Martin Geiger, <i>Mount Gretna Alleyway</i> \$500 | 19. Elise Schweitzer, <i>Soccer Field and Bell Tower</i> \$900 |
| 8. Clare Haward, <i>Valley</i> \$1200 | 20. Conrad Frankel, <i>Creagh Castle, Evening Light</i> \$800 |
| 9. Yonatan Becker, <i>Jerusalem at Night</i> \$1200 | 21. Lena Chermoshniuk, <i>Neve Shaanan View</i> \$1200 |
| 10. Conrad Frankel, <i>Fall Fire</i> \$800 | 22. Laura Vahlberg, <i>Shed</i> \$550 |
| 11. Elana Hagler, <i>Hampstead Lake</i> \$7,875 | 23. Martin Geiger, <i>Trinity Morning</i> \$500 |
| 12. Laura Vahlberg, <i>Hut</i> \$500 | |



9. Yonatan Becker, *Jerusalem at Night* \$1200



13. Yonatan Becker, *Keramaikos* \$1200

Yonatan Becker

Yonatan becker is a painter living in Tel Aviv, Israel. He has painted in Italy and Greece, and now paints regularly on a deserted beach, at home, and at his studio in Tel Aviv.



14. Lena Chermoshniuk, *From the Garden* \$1200



21. Lena Chermoshniuk, *Neve Shaanan View* \$1200

Lena Chermoshniuk

Lena Chermoshniuk, born 1985 in the USSR, currently lives in Tel Aviv Israel. She studied at the Jerusalem Studio School's master class program under Israel Hershberg. She also participated in the JSS summer program in Italy as a student and was the recipient of the Avigdor Arikha memorial scholarship. She is now a painter, tattoo artist and philosophy student in Tel Aviv.



6. Conrad Frankel, *Late summer, Creagh Castle* \$800



10. Conrad Frankel, *Fall Fire* \$800



15. Conrad Frankel, *Hazy Day* \$800



20. Conrad Frankel, *Creagh Castle, Evening Light* \$800

Conrad Frankel Conrad Frankel is an Irish painter, living and working in north Cork, Ireland.



7. Martin Geiger, *Mount Gretna Alleyway* \$500



23. Martin Geiger, *Trinity Morning* \$500

Martin Geiger

Martin Geiger is a painter and draughtsman living and working in Staunton, Virginia. He studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia and Mount Gretna School of Art in Lancaster, PA.



5. Ronit Goldschmidt, *Landscape with Palm Trees* \$1000



18. Ronit Goldschmidt, *Landscape with Airplane* \$1000

Ronit Goldschmidt

Ronit Goldschmidt is a painter based in Tel-Aviv, Israel. She lived and painted in Germany and Italy. She mainly paints landscapes based on her surrounding landscapes, pictures and memories.



2. Elana Hagler, *Monte Soratte* \$4200



11. Elana Hagler, *Hampstead Lake* \$7,875

Elana Hagler

Elana Hagler is a painter, assistant professor of painting and drawing at Alabama State University, and a numismatic artist for the United States Mint. She was born in Tel Aviv, Israel, and raised in Los Angeles, California. She has lived, painted, and taught in numerous locations including Italy; Jerusalem, Israel; Iowa City, IA; Montgomery, AL; Philadelphia, PA; and Boston, MA.



3. Clare Haward, *Wales* \$1200



8. Clare Haward, *Valley* \$1200



16. Clare Haward, *Roman Compagna* \$1200

Clare Haward

Clare Haward is a painter and art tutor living in London. She has studied painting in the UK, Italy and Israel, and currently oscillates between painting outside in the green spaces of South London and the studio. She is a recipient of an Elizabeth Greenshields Scholarship and a member of the New English Art Club.



1. Elise Schweitzer, *Tiber River, Morning* \$900



17. Elise Schweitzer, *View Towards Marciano* \$900



19. Elise Schweitzer, *Soccer Field and Bell Tower* \$900

Elise Schweitzer

Elise Schweitzer's paintings depict large-scale figurative action and intimate abstractions of light and form. Equestrians, skydivers and party crashers populate her figurative canvases, while in her abstractions, architectural units of windows and enclosures are shadowed and illuminated by imaginary lights. She paints from memory and observation. Schweitzer is Associate Professor of Art at Hollins University in Roanoke Virginia, and has been a visiting artist at the ICA in Montecastello di Vibio and at the American Academy in Rome, and an artist in residence at Virginia Center for the Creative Arts and Vermont Studio Center



4. Laura Vahlberg, *Curtain* \$500



12. Laura Vahlberg, *Hut* \$500



22. Laura Vahlberg, *Shed* \$550

Laura Vahlberg

Laura Vahlberg is a painter and curator living in Roanoke, Virginia. She has painted in Italy and Alabama, and now paints regularly outdoors in Roanoke's Wasena neighborhood.