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'Light Seeking Light' 1-12 November 2022 Chloe FREMANTLE & Peter BLEGVAD RWS Galleries 3-5 Whitcomb Street London WC2H 7HA

Hours: Tues-Sat 11-5 pm. Free. Artist Talks: Saturdays 5 & 12 November at 12 & 2 pm

60 new paintings by Chloe Fremantle & Peter Blegvad

Curated by Jenny Blyth

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There is an innate sense of joy in Chloe Fremantle's painting. Such is the effect of colour and patterning in her work for us as viewers. Whether painting at home in London, or panning out over the Cote d'Azur from a much-loved pied-a-terre in the Alpes Maritime, her subjects range from her immediate environment to reflections on life and politics. Seeds, pods and petals of myriad flora inform her mark-making and are complemented by the micro of cellular structure to the macro of curves and contouring in the landscape. The artist has created an alphabet and language of painting over 40 years inspired by observations of the natural world. Her work is instantly recognizable and distinctly Fremantle in both palette and form. Memories and emotions through association pervade her compositions so that the initial delight that one enjoys on first inspection is challenged as we explore the complexities of her compositions. The overall effect is a fusion of balance on the canvas, the product of a lifetime of painting.

Preoccupations and narrative are woven into Peter Blegvad's 'Flightless Kites' like dreams. Whether figurative or abstracted, they are suspended in a state of 'meditative' stasis with notes of architecture, ancient text and figures whether imagined or real. This series of 3D 'construct paintings' feature kites that are nebulous, playful and quirky. They are showing with a portfolio of black and white portraits drawn from classic film noir, together with Japanese inspired landscapes. As teacher and broadcaster of many years, illustrator, musician, songwriter and author, it follows that Peter Blegvad creates a kaleidoscope of Art that reflects a lifetime of extraordinary creativity. Inviting us to share his journey, his work is imbued with humour and intellect in equal measure.

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