

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Jock McFadyen *Made in Hackney 2***

The **Grey** Gallery

4 Helmsley Place, London Fields, E8 3SB

Saturday 11th May - 16th June 2024

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***Made in Hackney 2*** is a show of landscape paintings made in the artist's studio at London Fields.

Most paintings in the world are made inside, locked away from the subject, as were cave paintings 40,000 years ago. A good thing, as many of McFadyen's works measure 2 x 3 metres or more and would be impossible to cart over fields to do the plein air thing, although the pictures in this show are not huge and most are small enough to hang in a house. Canaletto also worked indoors, those gondoliers and clouds wouldn't have kept still for him. But McFadyen's pictures depict British territory, urban and pastoral, and sometimes they depict nothing much. Empty vistas and beaches hang with fleeting images of the built environment viewed from a train travelling at 100mph and others depict Scottish wilderness with a smidgen of city lights peeping in from the wings.

On this island the sea is never far away and neither is the city.



Jock McFadyen, *Westhaven*, oil on board, 69 x 94cm, 2024

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### **Notes to Editors**

Jock McFadyen RA, HRSA was born in Paisley in 1950 and studied at Chelsea School of Art. He has had over 40 solo exhibitions and his work is held in many public and private collections in the UK and abroad, including Tate, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, National Gallery and the V & A. In 2020 and 2021, four exhibitions were held to celebrate McFadyen's 70th birthday: *Jock McFadyen Goes to the Pictures* (City Art Centre, Edinburgh), *Jock McFadyen: Lost Boat Party* (Dovecot Studios, Edinburgh), *Jock McFadyen Goes to The Lowry: A Retrospective* (The Lowry, Salford) and *Jock McFadyen: Tourist without a Guidebook* (Royal Academy, London).

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