## **Press Release**



## **Towards Twilight**

**Fritz Duffy** 

30 March - 15 April 2023

**Opening: Thursday 30 March 2023, 4pm-8pm Open to public Saturday 10am-4pm or by appointment Gerald Moore Gallery, Mottingham Ln, London, SE9 4RW** 



*River Thames – East Greenwich* by Fritz Duffy

**Fritz Duffy**'s **Towards Twilight** showcases the artist's 'plein air' explorations of landscapes in oil, ink, and etching. The exhibition is a result of more than four years of working in four different locations, initially at the Malvern Hills, then at Dungeness and followed by the River Thames and at Greenwich Park. *Towards Twilight* is the artist's 6<sup>th</sup> solo exhibition and will be held in the **Gerald Moore Gallery**'s first floor space from **30 March** to **15 April 2023**.

Duffy's practice had always been studio-bound up until 2016 when an invitation by artist Tim Cousins along with a group of artists to work outdoors in the Malvern Hills and Dungeness. Initially a challenging exercise, after several trips of recording aspects of the landscape either with the group or individually, Duffy managed to develop his own visual language that expresses his emotions towards the different scenes.

After this, he embarked on his own study of the River Thames, the stretch of water between Deptford and Woolwich and Greenwich Park, which are local spots for him. Duffy's works on handmade Khadi paper would involve him 'tinting' the paper with a base colour before applying a thick monochrome skin of oil paint. He would then use a palette knife to scratch into the paint surface and 'reveal' lines, shapes, and images. Other works in the exhibition include etchings, oil on canvas and photopolymer, pen and ink wash on paper.

## Exhibition runs from 30 March to 15 April 2023.

The opening event will be held on Thursday 30 March 2023 from 4 - 8pm. Light refreshments will be served.

The exhibition is open every **Saturday 10am to 4pm until 15 April 2023** or by appointment for other days.

**Fritz Duffy** was born in Uxbridge, Middlesex in 1952. He studied at Goldsmiths from 1971 to 1975. Recent exhibitions include *Dungeness Desert*, Horsebridge Art Centre, Whitstable in 2019, *Malvern, On a May Morning*, Art Hub Studios, London in 2018 and *308 Years*, Thames Side Gallery, London in 2018. His work is in the collection of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge. He lives and works in South East London.

The **Gerald Moore Gallery** is a young centre for modern and contemporary art with learning at its heart. Opened in April 2012, in Mottingham, the gallery is uniquely set within the grounds of Eltham College and is a valuable resource for the students and the local community. The gallery has gained momentum hosting some exciting exhibitions including works by Matisse, Louise Bourgeois and Cornelia Parker, whilst supporting emerging local artists. In unison with the exhibitions, the gallery's outreach programme works with local community groups, teachers and schools, creating lasting relationships with our locality. Gerald Moore Gallery was made possible with the foresight and generosity of Old Elthamian, Dr Gerald Moore, many of whose works are archived at the gallery and who has a permanent exhibition on display.

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*View from One Tree Hill - Greenwich* (1) by Fritz Duffy Image: Fritz Duffy



Dungeness - The Dying of the Light **(1)** by Fritz Duffy Image: Fritz Duffy