

# William Black

## ***Nature's Ideological Landscape***

2 - 21 June 2014, 12 - 6pm daily

Opening: 1 June, 6 - 9pm

OUTPOST is proud to present, *Nature's Ideological Landscape*, a solo exhibition by Norwich based painter William Black.

'The contribution of human beings to our planet is similar to that of the early photosynthesizers around 3.4 billion years ago, which made the Earth's atmosphere what it was until very recently. By our domination and our invention, we are now changing the atmosphere again. There is little that can be done about this, but instead of feeling guilty about it we should recognise what is happening, prepare for change, and ensure that we survive as a species so we can contribute to - perhaps even guide - the next evolution of Gaia. The ride will be rough, but if we are smart enough life will continue on Earth in some form far into the future.'

From *A Rough Ride To The Future* by James Lovelock

William Black makes paintings exploring ecology, globalisation and memory of landscape, architecture, wildlife, interiors, people and political events. Pale blues and yellows stand next to sharp black lines. Reds, greys, purples and greens come together to depict an imaginary brutalist landscape. On another canvas, a delicate painting of a red throated diver is shown mid flight with loose marks leaving much of the canvas bare. Shapes jerk and swirl, lines slash and clang. Lavish, aggressive and wild, or calm, simple and almost unfinished, the process is a stream of consciousness, an honest response of Black's interpretation of the world. Overwhelmed by 21st century capitalism, Black wants to share feelings of aggression, tension and confusion with our relationships to nature and each other.

A concurrent exhibition will take place at Stew, 40 Fishergate, Norwich, NR3 1SE

William Black was born in Lambeth, London in 1968 and currently lives and works in Norwich. He Studied Landscape Architecture at Gloucester, Human Ecology at Huddersfield and Fine Art at Central St Martins.

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