Material Lightness

curated by Carol Robertson

Lower Gallery
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21 Cork Street
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Caroline de Lannoy
Belinda Cadbury
Ann Christopher
Chris Jennings
Gary Woodley
Trevor Sutton
Noel Forster
Julia Farrer

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Material Lightness brings together eight non-representational artists selected by Carol Robertson. Single works or series by each artist have been chosen for their aesthetic 'lightness', for their clarity and directness. The material substance of their work varies radically, yet all appear spare and modest in feel: strong and unequivocal in their intention.

Gary Woodley leaves the lightest footprint: he makes a linear drawing, *Impingement – No.54*, installed directly onto the walls, floor and ceiling of the gallery. Belinda Cadbury, who for many years has eschewed other materials in favour of pencil on paper, makes a series of three tonally intricate and schematic drawings. Not all the work is recent: a rare minimal colour field painting by Trevor Sutton dates from 1975. Two small standing bronzes and a resin and slate piece by Ann Christopher date from between 1995 and 1999: these linear sculptures have the same 'live' presence that one finds in the natural world.

Chris Jennings, Julia Farrer and Caroline de Lannoy all present new paintings. Jennings poetically titled *Arrival and Departure*, a horizontal diptych, announces itself with precise and evocative colour. De Lannoy paints all-over asymmetric diagonal shapes, each a modulated tonal variant of a single hue. Intuitively, she simultaneously and mysteriously implies both form and space. Farrer shows a shaped painting on birch plywood, from an entirely new series of dynamic oval ellipses that have evolved from cutting and folding elliptical bands of paper.

Lastly, there is a small and exquisite oil painting made in 2004 by Noel Forster (1932 - 2007): the master of material lightness, to whom Robertson dedicates this exhibition.

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