

Picturesque by Simon Edwards
15 April – 16 May 2021

Riffing in the continuum between wilderness sublime and the beautifully balanced peaceful, is Simon Edwards' new exhibition *Picturesque*.

Milford Sound and Aoraki might be the starting point for these new almost square paintings. But their combinations of squeegee and brush, inks and oils are vigorous and surprising. To admire one of these paintings is a wonderful and rigorous pleasure – it is to witness with both sight and the imaginary.

Simon's works, (whether collages, landscapes, charcoal drawings or earlier paintings of cloud formations) all extend beyond the representational, regionalist and realist genres and instead become studies of the mythological - places which we seem to know so well, yet can't quite identify or lay claim to. They are at once familiar yet mystical, somewhat like the New Zealand landscape itself. His works allow us to enter and wander within the colour, depth and form of this unaccustomed and yet known 'landscape', our analytical minds disengage and we simply are taken by our senses into an uplifting and awe inspiring world, a *Picturesque* world.

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| 1. <i>Picturesque X</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
405 x 533mm fr | \$2,950 |
| 2. <i>Skyscraper</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
1500 x 2150mm | \$21,000 |
| 3. <i>Castle in the Air</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
1500 x 2600mm | \$24,000 |
| 4. <i>Picturesque I</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
530 x 533mm fr | \$2,950 |
| 5. <i>Cloud Piercer</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
1500 x 1800mm | \$19,000 |
| 6. <i>Picturesque II</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
420 x 533mm fr | \$2,950 |

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| 7. <i>Picturesque III</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
420 x 533mm fr | \$2,950 |
| 8. <i>Picturesque IV</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
480 x 533mm fr | \$2,950 |
| 9. <i>Picturesque V</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
480 x 533mm fr | \$2,950 |
| 10. <i>Picturesque VI</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
480 x 533mm fr | \$2,950 |
| 11. <i>Picturesque VII</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
480 x 533mm fr | \$2,950 |
| 12. <i>Picturesque VIII</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
400 x 533mm fr | \$2,950 |
| 13. <i>Picturesque IX</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
400 x 533mm fr | \$2,950 |
| 14. <i>Storm Chaser</i> , 2021
Oil on aluminium composite panel
1500 x 1515mm | \$17,000 |