

## Ruruhira

By Asher Newbery

29<sup>th</sup> July - 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

1.	<i>Kiritai (Ruruhira)</i> , 2021 Acrylic and oil on board 1500 x 1746mm together	\$7,200
2.	<i>Kotiate</i> , 2021 Acrylic and oil on board 1500 x 794mm	\$3,600
3.	<i>Manawa</i> , 2021 Acrylic and oil on board 1500 x 794mm	\$3,600
4.	<i>Rā-wiri</i> , 2021 Acrylic and oil on board 1500 x 794mm	\$3,600
5.	<i>Kape</i> , 2021 Acrylic and oil on board 1500 x 794mm	\$3,600
6.	<i>Pātiki</i> , 2021 Acrylic and oil on board 1500 x 794mm	\$3,600
7.	<i>Imurangi &amp; Tuhirangi</i> , 2021 Acrylic and oil on board 1500 x 1746mm 2 panels 1500 x 3496mm 4 panels	\$7,200 2 panels \$14,000 4 panels
8.	<i>Rīpeka</i> , 2021 Acrylic and oil on board 1500 x 794mm	\$3,600
9.	<i>Taimana</i> , 2021 Acrylic and oil on board 1500 x 794mm	\$3,600

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| 10. <i>Pizza Oven</i> , 2021<br>Acrylic and oil on board<br>1500 x 794mm       | \$3,600 |
| 11. <i>Tapawhā rite</i> , 2021<br>Acrylic and oil on board<br>1500 x 794mm     | \$3,600 |
| 12. <i>Wakaika</i> , 2021<br>Acrylic and oil on board<br>1500 x 794mm          | \$3,600 |
| 13. <i>Porowhita</i> , 2021<br>Acrylic and oil on board<br>1500 x 794mm        | \$3,600 |
| 14. <i>Soft rolling 'r'</i> , 2021<br>Acrylic and oil on board<br>1500 x 794mm | \$3,600 |

#### Behind the mobiles

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| 15. Left to right:<br><i>Tahi, Rua, Toru, Whā, Rima, Ono, Whitu</i><br>Acrylic and oil on board<br>752 x 353mm | \$1,900 each |
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Asher Raawiri Newbery is of Tūhoe and Pākēhā descent. Raised in Lyttelton, he has had a lifelong passion for painting. Growing up in the South Island Asher felt estranged from his Māori whakapapa which lay in Te Urewera with the Tūhoe people. He set about to return to his iwi using art as his vehicle.

In Asher's first solo exhibition at The Central, the origin of things, Te Pō, is the start point or perhaps the whakapapa of these paintings. Asher has set out to create 30 new artworks that were calmer and simpler than his previous pieces. He is known for his abstract impressionism, vivid colours, layered artworks and exploration of his Māori whakapapa through painting.

The show, *Ruruhira*, named after his two-year-old daughter, runs at The Central Art Gallery in the Arts Centre in Christchurch from Thursday 29th July to 29th August.