

**Tycjan Knut – *Light Matters***  
**Cadogan Contemporary**  
**9<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Cadogan Contemporary is pleased to announce an exhibition of new works by the artist Tycjan Knut. Knut creates subtle abstractions, using delicate tonal differences and neutral colours to create an effect that verges on optical illusion. This new series of works explores these abstract concepts present in Knut's previous practices, pushing the boundaries of illusion with incorporation of new elements taken from reality. Abstract forms and structures are enhanced to create multi-level abstractions using both the illusion and reality of shadow and light to assert the materiality of the painting itself.

Knut takes inspiration from the geometric abstract art of the twentieth century, with a deep academic interest in the work of unknown abstract 'masters'. His work resonates with the echo of this tradition and yet extends beyond, freed from the constraints of formula. His use of acrylics and marble dust to make paintings on canvas and three-dimensional reliefs on board bring new depth to already highly structural objects.

By building up overlapping layers of colour in a way that resembles the organic world, Knut creates an image guided by process and intuition rather than calculations made in advance.

'In painting I try to completely rely on intuition, because it in its essence seems to me to be the purest. To cultivate this feature in my works, I give up the preparations.'

*Tycjan Knut*

Without sketches and plans, Knut's practice is reactive. The artist carefully follows the development of the composition, examining the function of each element in relation to the painting as a whole throughout. His paintings unfold slowly, with multiple anchor points drawing the viewer's eye across the painting to create a sense of balance.

Following the success of the joint exhibition 'Invisible Subjects' by Cadogan Contemporary in 2020, this is Knut's first solo show with the gallery. Tycjan Knut has been represented by Cadogan Contemporary since 2019.

## **Biography**

Tycjan Knut was born in 1985 in Warsaw and now lives and works in London. Knut holds an MA in painting from the Warsaw Academy of Fine Arts studying under Prof. Jaroslaw Modzelewski, and a PhD in Fine Art and Painting from the Jan Kochanowski University Institute of Fine Arts. Since, his work has been exhibited across Europe and is held in private collections across the world.

## **About Cadogan Contemporary**

Cadogan Contemporary is an independent, family-run art gallery based in South Kensington, London. Founded by Christopher Burness in 1980, for forty years the gallery has worked closely with generations of collectors and represents artists including: Elise Ansel, Janette Kerr, Terrell James, Sam Lock, Sargy Mann and Deborah Tarr.

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Title: Light Matters

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