

**Cadogan Gallery**  
presents  
**David Murphy *DISTANCES***

New appointment with *Cadogan SOLO*: the works by British artist **David Murphy** are on display  
for the first time  
**Until November 30, 2024**

Artist: **David Murphy**

Exhibition: **Distances**

8 November - 30 November 2024

Cadogan Gallery Via Bramante 5, Milano

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Cadogan is delighted to announce our collaboration for the first time with British artist David Murphy and his new exhibition 'Distances' which is currently on view at Cadogan Solo, Milan.

The forms that inhabit David Murphy's works often develop out of accumulations - discrete actions that embrace unpredictability within repetitive processes. With the Long Ending and Blanket paintings, Murphy prepares Gesso Panels using traditional French chalk and rabbit skin glue following a technique devised by Cennino Cennini in the 15th century. To this surface Murphy applies multiple layers of casein paint in meshed lines, to create a dense textile-like surface. Once dry, and polished, a sequence of more or less regular lines are scratched with an etching needle into the surface, excavating an image from the chalk that teeters on the brink of three-dimensions. These are slow and meditative abstract works that remain highly allusive: at once recalling the microcosm and the macrocosm, tracks and furrows, mountains and valleys, fabrics or upholstery.

*By investigating mass and tension, by pushing materials to their brink and responding with sensitivity, David makes work which is transgressive of those fixed ideas of what art is and should be. This is an innately physical practice. Rhythm and movement flow throughout, revealing and pointing us towards the fundamental energy in all things. David's work lives in the threshold between boundaries, between 2D and 3D, between figuration and abstraction, between the organic and the man-made, in the space just beyond our perception.*

- **Jo Baring**, Director of the Ingram Collection.

**About David Murphy**

David Murphy (b.1983, Newcastle Upon Tyne) studied at the Glasgow School of Art (2006) and currently lives and works in London.

He was the recipient of the Kenneth Armitage Foundation Fellowship, London (2015-2017), completed a residency with the Yorkshire Sculpture Park (2014), and was shortlisted for the John Moores Painting Prize (2016) and the Jerwood Drawing Prize (2017). Recent exhibitions include Galerie Isa, Mumbai (2022); New Art Centre, Roche Court, Wiltshire (2020); Bartha Contemporary, London (2023 and 2020); Stephane Simoens Fine Art, Belgium (2024, 2023 and 2021); Drawing Room, London (2024 and 2021); Yorkshire Sculpture Park (2019); ALMA ZEVI Venice, Italy (2019); British Council, Cairo (2016); Galleria Monica de Cardenas, Milan (2015); PEER, London (2014).

Murphy has worked on large-scale sculpture commissions for the National Trust, UK (2020); The Dales Museum, UK (2016); Edinburgh Sculpture Workshops, UK (2015) and The Piece Hall in Halifax, UK (2019). Recently unveiled projects include permanent new installations for Oxford House, Oxford Street, London (with Great Portland Estates) and for the Harlow Arts Trust, Essex.

### ***About Cadogan Gallery***

Cadogan is an independent contemporary art gallery with spaces in London and Milan. For over forty years our mission has been to represent, support and curate the work of a diverse roster of emerging and established artists. We care deeply about longevity, developing the careers of our artists and the journey of our collectors.

In 1980, we opened the doors to our first gallery in South Kensington, London. In 2023, we added a new international perspective to our distinctive exhibitions programme by opening a gallery in Milan. Since then we have also moved to a new flagship gallery space in Belgravia, London. With an artist-focussed approach and strong aesthetic identity, these new spaces highlight the works of artists that have evolved with us since the gallery's founding, as well as a new generation of emerging artists.

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