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SORAYA SIKANDER

'INSCAPE'

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“My new series ‘INSCAPE’ was painted between my various travels. I have always been inspired by the world around me: Nature in various forms – the natural world – and I paint the organic; Seascapes, Landscapes, flowers in their natural setting or indoors in a vase.

At the point of action, at the point of painting all sorts of other elements come into play. It is not totally cerebral, it is not planned on a piece of paper and replicated on canvas. My work has the ability to surprise me. It captures the complexities of development. There is nothing tame or settled about the natural world. The growth of a flower involves larger elemental forces, chemistry and carbon. I arrive at landscape through ecology. It is the whole meaning that interests me, not just surface appearance. I am equally interested in how landscapes evolve. The still and the everyday be it a sky, cloud, scattering, dynamism.

For this new exhibition I created artworks between the cities of Lahore, Karachi, Ras Al Khaimah, Dubai, Hague, Wassenaar and London. I spent the past two years pushing the boundaries of landscape painting and exploring the subject matter further to discover the new, and in the process, create a new approach to painting places, as seen through the mind’s eye” – Soraya Sikander

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