

Press Release

**JO OAKLEY**

*Time and Tide*

1<sup>st</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018



*Time and Tide*, mixed media on canvas, 40 x 60cm (15.75 x 23.5ins) by Jo Oakley

Following a highly successful joint show in 2016, in February 2018 British painter Jo Oakley will be holding her first solo exhibition with Jonathan Cooper, Chelsea. Featuring new seascapes and still lifes, the exhibition will explore the themes of nature, time, and renewal.

The exhibition charts a journey of discovery for Oakley, whose lifelong love of the sea recently led her to move permanently from London to Herne Bay, Kent. Many of the works in the exhibition are inspired by the beauty of the south coast of England, and the artist's observation of the changing nature of the sands and shifting seasons. Oakley's thoughtful works reflect a joy in nature, featuring the wading birds and sand martins encountered as she walks along the shore each morning. The ocean is an ever-present fascination for the artist, a powerful force and recurring backdrop to her works. Other paintings depict the much-loved shells, books, and

antique ceramics that adorn her home and studio, often decorated with wise sayings and proverbial mottos that represent a folkloric memento mori, and which imbue Oakley's work with a sense of both immediacy and timelessness.



*Wish you were here*, mixed media on canvas, 50 x 120cm (19.5 x 47ins) by Jo Oakley

## NOTES TO EDITORS

**Jo Oakley** - (b. 1964, London, UK) - lives and works on the Kent Coast. She regularly exhibits at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, has had solo shows at Smelik & Stokking, Holland, and frequently exhibits in group exhibitions.

**Jonathan Cooper** - founded in 1988 - is a London based contemporary art gallery specialising in representational drawing, painting, photography and sculpture. The gallery is a member of SLAD (The Society of London Art Dealers), BADA (The British Antique Dealers Association) and LAPADA (The Association of Art & Antique Dealers), and regularly exhibits at international art fairs.

## LISTING INFORMATION

The gallery is open Monday – Friday 10am – 6.30pm and Saturday 11am – 4pm.

Free Admission.

Jonathan Cooper, 20 Park Walk, London, SW10 0AQ.

## PRESS INFORMATION

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