

Jonathan Cooper

Park Walk Gallery

What is a Reprise?



Silver Jug and Ink Pot, oil on linen over panel, 16.51 x 25.4cm, by James Gillick.
Reprise available on request.

A 'Reprise' is a new word for a long established practice amongst successful artists. It refers to a painting which is a new version of the original composition. This differs slightly but recognisably from the 'Original' painting and is also finished by the artist corner-to-corner. The Reprise offers clients the opportunity to own a piece that has already sold, at a lower cost and to their own specifications. There are a very limited number of Reprises per original; sometimes James refuses to repeat a picture. Both Original and Reprise are signed. Both come with brass plaques fixed to the back containing signed calfskin manuscripts attesting to the painting's status and all its details.