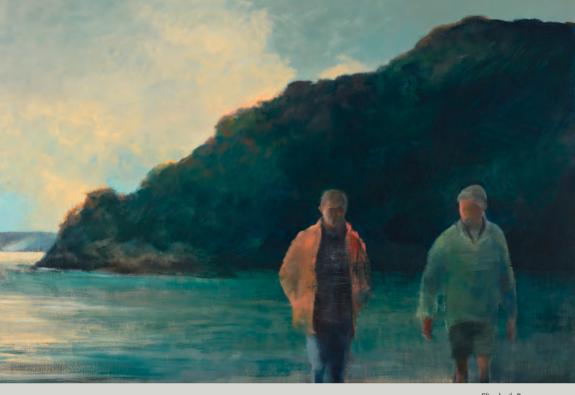
Elizabeth Rees





Marté Szirmay Earthlight





Elizabeth Rees Shortest Day, oil on canvas, 750 x 1000 mm

Elizabeth Rees

Elizabeth Rees has been exhibiting with ARTIS Gallery since 2011. She began with social satire linked to television and celebrity and her work explored the relationship between the body, the mind and the environment in which we exist.

This collection of new oil paintings by Elizabeth Rees marks the beginning of a new studio and lifestyle in the Bay of Islands. Fascinated by people from all walks of life in her Northland community, Rees began to assemble her impressions and visual notes on the colours, vegetation and pace of life in her new environment. Rees is a painter of mystery - the viewer will interpret these works in different ways and that is their strength.

"My paintings I hope will convey just a thought about the beauty that is on our doorstep and fundamentally a part of us.

The most mundane aspects of our lives are often majestic – if we only knew it. We live in such overwhelming beauty and we so often take it for granted and never stop to take it in."

- Elizabeth Rees 2022

Marté Szirmay

Earthlight

Marté Szirmay has long been regarded as one of New Zealand's most accomplished artists.

Her work is represented in private and public collections in New Zealand and abroad.

Creating sculptures for Marté is about creating a language of signs and symbols that transcend regional, cultural and social limitations.

This new series of bronze works pays tribute to our Sun.

"Nothing is more important to us on Earth than the Sun. Without the Sun's heat and light, the Earth would be a lifeless ball of ice-coated rock. The Sun warms our seas, stirs our atmosphere, generates our weather patterns, and gives energy and light to the growing green plants - the basis of all food chains for animal species - and oxygen for life on Earth. The Sun is incredibly special and precious to us!

It takes the Sun 250 million years to complete one rotation around the Milky Way – the "Galactic Year" or "Cosmic Year". The last time the Solar System was in this position in the Milky Way, there were still dinosaurs on Earth. The next time, who knows?"

- Marté Szirmay 2022





Elizabeth Rees Elsewhere, oil on canvas, 600 x 500 mm



Elizabeth Rees Neighbour's Oranges, oil on canvas, 450 x 600 mm



Elizabeth Rees In The Garden, oil on canvas, 555 x 750 mm



Elizabeth Rees Back in Town, oil on canvas, 555 x 750 mm









Marté Szirmay Galactic Voyager, bronze, 335 x 110 x 280 mm

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