

# JEREMY GARDINER

## THE LAKE DISTRICT

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We are delighted to present a new exhibition of paintings by Jeremy Gardiner. In this exhibition, our artist focuses on the Lake District where he has studied and captured the many great lakes, tarns and waterfalls.



*Winter Sun, Windermere*

Acrylic and Jesmonite on poplar panel, 60 x 90 cm

*"The paintings show his fascination and understanding of the landscape and its history. All are highly personal evocations of light, atmosphere, weather, time of day and the changing seasons. The distinctive textured paintings on view, with their many layers and expressive colours, reflect the profound insights Gardiner gains from his detailed research and analytical approach."*



Left to right: *Dungeon Ghyll Force*, *The Idle Shepherd Boys and Skelwith Waterfall*

Acrylic and Jesmonite on poplar panel, 45 x 35 cm (each)

*He explains: 'My use of colour is a combination of my knowledge of geology and my own emotional response to the landscape, the environment and my studio practice, where serendipity plays a part. The paintings, while eschewing pure abstraction, remain recognisable. Gardiner's work reveals something deeper about the spirit of place, be they panoramic depictions of two of the most beautiful lakes: Windermere and Ullswater, or the mountains, lakes and waterfalls and the spectacular landscape surrounding them.'* - Gill Clarke, 2026



*Fleetwith Pike, Buttermere Lake*

Acrylic and Jesmonite on poplar panel, 30 x 90 cm

## Jeremy Gardiner

*“In Gardiner’s paintings we find the same sensation as when walking among mountains - of man’s staggering insignificance, and the consequent sense of liberation at being so small and so transitory an episode in the greater scheme of things.” - Andrew Lambirth*

Born in 1957, Jeremy Gardiner is a graduate of Newcastle University (1975-79) and completed his Masters at the Royal College of Art in London (1980-83). He moved to the United States on a Harkness Fellowship and Churchill Fellowship (1984-98) and relocated with his young family to Bath in 1998. He has taught at the Royal College of Art and Pratt Institute of Art and Design in New York.

Gardiner has exhibited internationally, including at the Venice Biennale, the Musée d’Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, and the Chengdu Biennale in China. Three books have been published about his work, *Unfolding Landscape* (Lund Humphries, 2013) *South by Southwest* (Sansom & Co, 2020) and *Strata* (Unicorn, 2026) which include essays by art historians, curators and critics. His work has been reviewed in *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Guardian* and *The Sunday Times*.

His work is represented in both public and corporate collections including the Victoria and Albert Museum, Government Art Collection, BNP Paribas, Pincent Masons and Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi. Awards include a New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship and Arts Council England, British Council and Arts and Humanities Research Council grants. *Pillars of Light*, a documentary film about his work was awarded the Fine Arts Documentary prize at the Fine Arts Film Festival of Santa Barbara in 2016.

- High resolution images are available on request
- Advanced viewings of artworks can be arranged on request
- The artist is available for interviews, please get in touch
- An illustrated catalogue will support the exhibition

## About Portland Gallery.

Portland Gallery was established in 1986 and are leading dealers in Modern and Contemporary British Art. Located in St James’s, the gallery is spread over two floors and plays host to fourteen exhibitions a year, principally solo presentations of represented artists and estate. The gallery is operated as an Employee Ownership Trust.

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