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MATTHEW F FISHER | PRESS LINKS

Dateagle Art, “Pastel Hues and Mesmerising Blues”, Dec 19 2018, by **Lara Mono**

Matthew F Fisher’s paintings of nowhere beaches and organic forms continue to develop, as does their synergy with the sun-soaked city. Fisher’s distinctive horizon line paired with rock motifs, beach and sand are complimented by his colour palette, which is defined by his use of pastel hues and mesmerising blues. The artist celebrates his choice of imagery for being both universal yet deeply personal, and continues to follow the rule: *‘no layer will be painted only once’*, which ultimately creates work that forms a unique density of colour and texture. [Link](#)

Abstract Nature, Metal Magazine, by Arnau Salvadó

“The true paradox of these paintings is that they really are about nothing. At the exact same time, they are about everything, which is the magic of abstract painting’, tells us Matthew F Fisher, whose exhibition Soft Nature is on view at Ochi Projects in Los Angeles until February 16. Get to know his sunsets, sunrises, blooming flowers, fish and giant rock – a beautiful portrayal of his ‘amazement of Mother Nature and her power” [Link](#)

Juxtapoz February 2018 **Sasha Bogojev**

“..Both his ink drawings and acrylic paintings have the aesthetics of vintage futuristic air-brush art, notable through use of precise gradients, conspicuous line work, or bold space imagery. This glossy finish and careful construction is in direct juxtaposition with Fisher’s evident hand drawn technique, which adds an indisputable charm to finished works. This contrast is emphasized in almost realistic details such as beach sand which are painted using 10-15 layers of tiny dots in different shades, applied using an old toothbrush. This particular element also confirms his dedication to producing hand-drawn work, using common materials and techniques. Portraying moments that might have happened or will, the NY-based artist freezes these once-in-a-life-time moments into harmonious, perfectly composed images, where just about everything aligns wonderfully...” [Link](#)

SF/Arts Monthly February 2018 **Christian Frock**

"Evoking the graphic tendencies of 1970s landscapes, the paintings of Matthew F Fisher resonate with a kind of uncertain nostalgia, simultaneously occupying a bygone era of aesthetics and contemporary painting. These highly stylized works draw comparisons to the strange surrealism of Magritte, with undulating water and haloed moonlight as recurring motifs." [Link](#)

Greenpointers: “Thursday Spotlight: Life After Greenpoint, Catching up with Matthew F. Fisher” February 1, 2018 **Madeline Ehrlich**

“Leaping synchronized waves, stoic ocean rocks, and tides peeling back to reveal glittering sand are all seemingly familiar imagery, but now with a West Coast influence...”The paintings are almost like this snapshot, or a wink in time I am capturing”...A lot of the imagery comes down to a boyhood wonder of the greatness of this universe and trying to understand how we fit into this cosmic ballet.” [Link](#)

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Timeout New York: Matthew F Fisher, “Black Water Don’t Shine Like the Moon” February 12, 2015 **Joseph R.Wolin**

“Fisher’s often humorously literal line recalls cartoons, and his ornamental treatment of natural phenomena brings to mind certain strains of folk art. But these drawings also evoke the abstracting love for nature’s vitality shared by early American modernists like Arthur Dove and Georgia O’Keeffe, as well as an oddball mysticism. Quietly cultivating an idiosyncratic vision, Fisher’s work becomes nothing short of visionary.” [Link](#)

ArtCritical: “A Complete Eye of Water: A Summer Show at Ampersand Gallery” September 19, 2015 **Paul Maziar**

“If Fisher’s subjects are maritime (though not specific to any era), they remain in limbo between loose and tight, specific and abstract, atmospheric and microscopic. In *Meaningless*, Fisher’s layer-by-layer process of painting is revealed through the curious buildup, or rollup, of the water’s edge up to a very granulated beach. This feature of water is highly strange, in that we can deduce its being water, though it also looks like something else. Plastic or rubber, in any case something you could peel away, roll back up and tuck under your arm.” [Link](#)

Portland Mercury: “Properties of Water in *The River Keeps Talking*” August 19, 2015 **Megan Burbank**

“Working in a set of freaky seaside motel-esque near-neons, Fisher’s fractured landscapes feature confusing perspectives set by super-low horizons; further destabilizing is his penchant for putting abstract shapes into almost-representational settings. What the fuck, Matthew F Fisher?” [Link](#)

New American Painters: “Endless Summer: Prolonged Moments Among Season Gallery’s Paintings” August 2015 **Erin Langner**

“Brooklyn artists Caris Reid’s *Water Warriors* and Matthew F Fisher’s waves were at home in this natural light that felt so unnatural. Their mutual undulations—between flatness and dimensions, between stillness and motion, between realism and illustration—played back and forth among the evening’s encroaching shadows. Fisher’s tongue-in-cheek, paintbrush-swipe waves lightened the rigid expressions of the *Water Warriors*.” [Link](#)

Huffington Post: “If You Ain’t a Reflection, You’re a Wave: Interview with Matthew F Fisher” March 14, 2014 **Ridley Howard**

“Waves have been crashing and clouds floating for as long as time itself. Nature always does its thing; we’re just in the way. The fun thought is that there is a world of life hidden just below the surface. These exact truths don’t fuel my work, but I just love the idea that a single line, horizontal to the bottom of canvas, automatically sets up a here and there, us and them, land and sea, lost and found. It’s as old as time.” [Link](#)