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LIST OF WORKS



Body Blow oil on linen £495



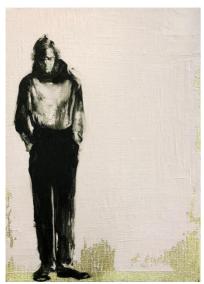
Dignity oil on linen £495



Fat Bloke monoprint £495



The Yell monoprint £495



Consequences oil on linen £495



Slouch oil on linen £495



Man Lean oil on linen £495



Domestic Bliss monoprint £495



Arch monoprint £495



Twisty Feet oil on linen £495



Wild Country oil on linen £495



Blessed monoprint £450



Precious monoprint £450



Come a Long Way monoprint £450



Orange Dress monoprint £450



Arch II monoprint £450



Sitting Sat monoprint £450



Jon monoprint £450



Pete monoprint £450

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Key to these works is the artist's mastery of drawing: through the application of expressive line, she captures the telling nuances of physical poise and tension, and the unguarded moments of distraction, introspection and vulnerability that are expressed in the shape and flex of the body. Isolated against broad areas of vivid, emotive colour, each figure is at once both disturbing and familiar in a way that provokes our innate sense of mutuality. The fleeting moments of physicality that inform these paintings — the submissive slant of the head, the languid curve of the spine or the pressing, reflexive reach of the fingers — reveal the fragile balance between our psychological and emotional existence, and the carefully curated versions of our public self.

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