Alex Gough

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Profile

British–Finnish artist working with abstract painting and material-led processes. Gough's ongoing Wilderness in Paint series explores the relationship between natural forces and the painted surface. His developing series Matter uses cast iron powder, oxidised copper, crystallisation and efflorescence to investigate material transformation, time and agency.

Education

2009–2011 MA Fine Art, City & Guilds of London Art School
2002–2005 BA (Hons) Painting, Camberwell College of Art, London
2001–2002 Fine Art Foundation, Chelsea College of Art, London

Selected exhibitions & projects

2026 Terrain, Auto Amor, London, UK
2026 The Discerning Eye, selected, London, UK
2025 Between Figuration and Abstraction, Crane Court Gallery, London, UK
2023 A Little Closer, Aleph Contemporary, London, UK
2023 Artist's Artist, OHSH, London, UK
2021 Finnish Soul Garden, RHS Chelsea Flower Show, London, UK
2020 Yoga Amongst the Houseplants, Aleph Contemporary, online
2019 Prologue, Offshoot Gallery, London, UK
2018 Experiment | Control, Blyth Gallery, London, UK
2018 Dialogues, GASK Museum, Kutná Hora, Czech Republic
2018 Do Re Me Fa So La Te, Perimeter Space at Griffin Gallery, London, UK
2016 Multiple Choices, Simmons & Simmons Contemporary, London, UK
2015 Erämaa, solo exhibition, Block 336, London, UK
2015 START Art Fair, Elena Shchukina Gallery at Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
2015 Piercing the Veil, Simmons & Simmons Contemporary, London, UK
2015 Hetki Erämaassa, Elena Shchukina Gallery, London, UK
2015 Wilderness in Paint, Hanging Rooms, RAC Club, London, UK
2015 Wilderness in Paint, Twelve Star Gallery, London, UK
2014 Painting About Painting, Simmons & Simmons Contemporary, London, UK
2014 Studio Artists, Block 336, London, UK
2013 Six Degrees of Separation, Wimbledon Space, London, UK
2012 Erämaa – Wilderness, solo exhibition, Orion Contemporary, London, UK
2012 "1", Block 336, London, UK
2011 MA Show 2011, City & Guilds of London Art School, London, UK
2011 Kettle's Yard: Found, Brompton Garage, London, UK
2010 Nordic Depths, Mews42 Gallery, London, UK
2010 Art 10, Helsinki Art Fair, Orion Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland
2009 Shibui, The Centre for Recent Drawing, London, UK
2008 Metsässä, The Centre for Recent Drawing, London, UK
2007 Alex Gough & Lee Maelzer, The Storefront Artists Project, Massachusetts, USA
2006 Sinen Syvyys, solo exhibition, The Arts Gallery, London, UK

Professional experience & current research

Practising artist for over 20 years. Founding member and gallery manager, Block 336, Brixton, London (approximately 13 years). 2026 Matter: ongoing painting research with oxidised copper, cast iron powder, acrylic media and efflorescence.

Collections

Work held in collections including Finnish National Collection; Simmons & Simmons; University of the Arts London; Hogan Lovells; M.P.L Finance; Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton; Pinsent Masons; Barclays; Barclays Capital; V&A; and Guy's and St Thomas' Foundation.