

The Wisdom of Escape a group show by Emily Allchurch, Suzanne Moxhay and Barbara Nati

Thursday 4 – Friday 26 July 2013



Nancy Victor is pleased to present *The Wisdom of Escape*, a group exhibition by Emily Allchurch, Suzanne Moxhay and Barbara Nati. Encouraging a fresh look at digital and analogue collage techniques, these three artists create complex compositions- hybrids inspired by architecture, society and the cinematic image. These haunting environments are recognisable but also often unsettling and uncanny, each artist allowing the transformation of ideas into an intriguing, fluid environment, a tightrope walk that strangely comments on our world today.

Suzanne Moxhay creates three dimensional collages using imagery from the 1950's and 70's to produce a space with an uncertain existence between photography and the staged, allowing the imagery to constantly move through real and illusory space. Both Barbara Nati and Emily Allchurch use digital collage techniques to explore architecture, culture and civilisation but present their understanding in different ways. Allchurch forms multiple photographs taken from Rome, Paris, London and St.Petersburg to create *Urban Chiaroscuro*, a series of complex environments inspired by a series of etchings published in 1743-45 by Giovanni Battista Piranesi. Nati focuses on depicting a post catastrophic realm of unfamiliar landscapes. The Pangea ship anchors a confined habitat of sky scrapers within the harbour of a modern metropolis; a striking cloudy monochrome backdrop empowers the ships presence highlighting the illusionary impact upon this city.

The Wisdom of Escape by Emily Allchurch, Suzanne Moxhay and Barbara Nati runs from Thursday 4 July to Friday 26 July 2013 at Nancy Victor Gallery, 6 Charlotte Place, Fitzrovia, London W1T 1SG.

Open Monday to Friday 12 - 7pm and Saturdays by appointment.

For more information, visit: www.nancyvictor.com

Exhibition Preview: Wednesday 4 July 2013 6.30 – 8.30pm RSVP: rachael@nancyvictor.com

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With work that reflects on the beauty of imagery and composition, this exhibition falls somewhere between the gothic and the surreal. Encouraging a fresh look at digital and three dimensional collage techniques, it opens a magical new world of chaotic calm and uncanny stillness.

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EDITORS NOTES

Nancy Victor Gallery

Established in 2003, Nancy Victor is an artist-led gallery in Fitzrovia, Central London. It aims to offer a space for emerging artists to develop outside the limitations of the commercial sector and show their work without representation or financial strain. The design group Navig8 provides the space, support and incentive for the gallery.

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Emily Allchurch

Emily Allchurch delves closely into art history to make recreations of old master paintings set in a contemporary idiom, using her unique digital collage technique to explore ideas of social restriction experienced today in the European cities of London, Rome and Paris. Allchurch has exhibited widely throughout the UK and internationally and lives and works in London.

Suzanne Moxhay

Suzanne Moxhay's photographic works are derived from a three dimensional collage of cut- outs sourced from an extensive archive of collected material, mainly imagery from the 1950s to 1970s. There is a deliberate play on the scale and depth of each element, which appear to hover between the miniature and the epic.

Barbara Nati

Barbara Nati is an Italian artist exploring social and environmental issues with a stylistic approach. Nati depicts a post catastrophic realm of unfamiliar landscapes and heterogeneous architectures. The discordant yet strangely beautiful images express premonitions of a coming end, survival and ultimately the genesis of a new civilisation.