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17503 Sarah Adams, Contemporary b. 1962

Betrothal Arch: North

Oil on linen 150 x 150cm / 59 0 x 59 0in

Information

A walk to the far end of Watergate Bay in North Cornwall will bring you to a monumental natural arch, and this is my nickname for it. Pass through, and on the left you will find a smooth patch of cliff where someone has carved WILL YOU MARRY ME into the rock. Around it are several pairs of initials.

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17504 Sarah Adams, Contemporary b. 1962

Betrothal Arch: Panorama

Oil on linen 50 x 150cm / 19 5/8 x 59 0in

Information:

Watergate Bay. A vein of quartz links the cave and arch, stained with oxides and harbouring clusters of bright orange sponge. The lower veins run almost horizontally through rock smoothed by constant attrition.

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17505 Sarah Adams, Contemporary b. 1962

Copper Cave

Oil on linen 50 x 150cm / 19 5/8 x 59 0in

Information:

This cave tunnels deep into the cliffs at Watergate Bay, remarkable for an intense bluegreen, stained by mineral deposits leaching out of the rock. Often filled with a deep pool, the studies for this painting were made when the sand levels were unusually high, with just a little standing water at the cave mouth.

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17506 Sarah Adams, Contemporary b. 1962

The Carrick Roads from Molunan Cove

Oil on linen 50 x 150cm / 19 5/8 x 59 0in

Information:

An extraordinary shallow cave frames a view from St Anthony's to the Lizard.

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17507 Sarah Adams, Contemporary b. 1962

Mangan Porth

Oil on linen 120 x 80cm / 47 1/4 x 31 1/2in

Information:

This forms part of a complex cave system, with a buttress-like arch on the south side of the bay.

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17508 Sarah Adams, Contemporary b. 1962

Perranporth Arch

Oil on board 50 x 30cm / 19 5/8 x 11 3/4in

Information:

There is a wonderful series of stacks and formations at the Southern end of Perranporth Bay, aligned with a further arch at the furthest point. Ancient mine workings are a clue to the colourful, mineral stained rock.

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17509 Sarah Adams, Contemporary b. 1962

Mawgan Porth Study

Oil on board 50 x 25cm / 19 5/8 x 9 7/8in

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17510 Sarah Adams, Contemporary b. 1962

Study of Betrothal Arch

Oil on board 50 x 25cm / 19 5/8 x 9 7/8in

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17511 Sarah Adams, Contemporary b. 1962

Swallow's Nest Cave, North Wall Study

Oil on board 50 x 20cm / 19 5/8 x 7 7/8in

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17512 Sarah Adams, Contemporary b. 1962

Swallow's Nest Cave, South Wall Study

Oil on board 50 x 20cm / 19 5/8 x 7 7/8in

Information:

Rarely visited by people, this cave near Padstow Harbour is home to a family of swallows, which were feeding their young while I worked. The view across the Camel Estuary contrasts with the richness of colour at the back of the cave, which starts to glow as your eyes adjust to the darkness.

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17513 Sarah Adams, Contemporary b. 1962

Kynance Cave Study

Oil on board 50 x 20cm / 19 5/8 x 7 7/8in

Information:

The complex of caves and arches at Kynance snake through richly coloured serpentinite.

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17514 Sarah Adams, Contemporary b. 1962

Sunlit Arch

Oil on board 31 x 15cm / 12 1/4 x 5 7/8in

Information:

A favourite subject at the far end of Rocky Beach at Trevone.