

**Alex Gough**  
**Finnish, b. 1981**



Alex Gough completed his Foundation Studies at Chelsea College of Art in 2002 and holds a BA in Painting from Camberwell College of Art and an MA in Fine Art from City and Guilds, London. Gough was a resident artist at the Centre for Recent Drawing from 2009 to 2011 and was a resident artist and Gallery Manager at Block 336 Gallery in Brixton.

Gough has exhibited in the UK, Europe and the USA and has had several solo exhibitions including 'Wilderness in Paint' at the European Parliament's Twelve Star Gallery in Westminster, supported by the Finnish Embassy.

Gough feels strongly attached to his Finnish roots; trips in the winter to the forests of Finnish Lapland form the subject of his 'Wilderness in Paint' series comprising of oil paintings and prints. Gough says of his work:

"I am deeply influenced by phenomenological, sensational events: the Aurora Borealis, intense twilight and dangerously cold temperatures within the Arctic forests of Finnish Lapland during mid-winter. During these solitary moments, amongst Wilderness, I experience a heightened awareness of existence".

Gough has recently started engraving images of the Finnish forest onto copper and then enamelling the works. This method began when he produced a series of works which were hung in a sauna which formed the focal part of Taina Suonio's Finnish Soul Garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2021.

In 2022, Alex made a trip to the island of Stänggrund, Western Finland. Inspired by this trip and his walks in the forest, he created a series of paintings using mixed media to evoke the light and beauty of the Finnish forest.

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## Education

- 2009- 2011 MA Fine Art, City and Guilds of London Art School  
2002-2005 BA (Hons) Painting, Camberwell College of Art London.

## Exhibitions

- 2025 Distant Voices, Fiumano Clase & Cadogan Fine Arts, London, UK  
2024 Christmas Exhibition, Cadogan Fine Arts, London, UK  
2023 In being Double, Pace Gallery, New York, USA  
A Little Closer, Aleph Contemporary, London, UK  
Artist's Artist, OHS, 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  
Dialogues, GASK Museum, Kutna Hora, Czech Republic  
Do Re Me Fa So La Te, Perimeter Space at Griffin Gallery, London, UK  
2016 Multiple Choices, Simmons and Simmons Contemporary, London UK  
2015 Erämaa, Solo show Block 336 Gallery, London, UK  
2015 START Art Fair, Elena Shchukina Gallery at the Saatchi Gallery, London, UK  
Piercing The Veil, Simmons and Simmons Contemporary, London, UK  
Hetki Erämaassa, Elena Shchukina Gallery, London, UK  
Wilderness in Paint, Hanging Rooms, RAC Club, London, UK  
Wilderness in Paint, Twelve Star Gallery, London, UK  
Painting About Painting, Simmons and Simmons Contemporary, London, UK  
2014 Studio Artists, Block 336, London, UK  
London Art Fair, The Business Design Centre, London, UK  
2013 Six Degrees of Separation, Wimbledon Space, London, UK  
2012 Erämaa- Wilderness, Solo Show, Orion Contemporary, London, UK  
'1' Block 336, London, UK  
2011 Stitch, The Dairy, London, UK  
MA Show 2011, City and Guilds of London Art School, London, UK  
Kettles Yard: Found. Brompton Garage, London, UK  
Warhol to the Emerging Generation, Fiumano Fine Art, London, UK  
2010 Nordic Depths, Mews42 Gallery, London, UK  
Art 10, Helsinki Art Fair, Orion Contemporary, Helsinki, Finland  
City and Guilds of London Art school, MA interim show, London, UK  
Orion Contemporary, Brussels, Belgium  
2009 Arctic Blue, Solo show. JP Jahan Fine Art, London, UK  
2009 Shibui, The Centre for Recent Drawing, London, UK  
2008 Side Show, Gallery Primo Alonso, London, UK  
2008 Metsässa, The Centre for Recent Drawing, London, UK  
2007 Alex Gough & Lee Maelzer, The Storefront Artists Project, Massachusetts, USA  
Residency at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, London, UK  
Trees, The Old Sweet Shop Gallery, London, UK  
The London Art Fair, Pierroni Contemporary Art, London, UK

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2006	Landscapades, Undermilkwood Gallery, London, UK
	Sinen Syvyys, Solo show, The Arts Gallery, London, UK
	RSVP, The Mashed Potato Gallery, London, UK
2005	The London Art Fair, The Business Design Centre, London, UK
	Painting 05 Degree Show, Camberwell College of Art, London, UK
	Traces, Lewisham Art House, London, UK

## **Work in collections**

The Victoria and Albert Museum, Soho House, Simmons and Simmons, The University of the Arts London, City Financial, M.P.L Finance, Kidd Rapinet Solicitors, Pinsent Masons, Barclays, Barclays Capital and Lloyds TSB, Jeremy E. Steinke and other international private collections.

## **Residencies**

2011- 2023	Resident Artist and Gallery Manager at Block 336, London
2009- 2011	Resident artist at: The Centre for Recent Drawing, London.
2007	Storefront Artists Project, in conjunction with the University of the Arts London. Pittsfield, Massachusetts, U.S.A The R.H.S Chelsea Flower Show, with Lloyds TSB Private Banking. London