

## SELECTED ARTWORKS BY JASON BENJAMIN

## VIEWING BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

## The Light Between Us

What is the exchange this art, so wrapped up in its own processes of discovery and transformation, wishes to make? Benjamin knows himself to be a seeker: he says as much, repeatedly: he surrenders himself to the process of making images, he takes himself back, he concentrates his forces, he lets himself go. Here he is discussing the sequence of works in this exhibition, and his surrender to the act of unconscious painting, of painting as meditation. "All have been worked, edited, abandoned, reimagined quite extensively." This seems an exceptionally revealing guide to these paintings They are much more than mere landscapes, just as the accompanying suite of still lifes are more than dead nature captured in paint.

They bear the impress of an artist caught in a struggle, and using his artistry to achieve victories of the spirit. The paintings may have the deceptive air of mere bush studies, but they are best conceived as mirrors, in which Benjamin discloses his reflected self - all he contends against and all he wishes for, the bleak, blasted, harsh contours of the inland irradiated by the grace and loveliness of the inland's light, that light, at once sober and dispassionate, that travellers in both geographical and psychological wildernesses know very well, for it is the clue to the hidden answers we dream of to every question in the world.

- Nicolas Rothwell



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I'm always with you 2016-2018

> Oil on linen 122 x 244cm



The Light Between Us 2015-2018

> Oil on linen 150 x 180cm





I want to be there when you call 2015-2018

Oil on linen 150 x 180cm

Face to Face 2016-2018

Oil on linen 122 x 183cm



Rachel Dreaming 2016-2018

> Oil on linen 122 x 183cm



Can you come back to me? 2016-2018

> Oil on linen 122 x 183cm



Saying yes but meaning no, this was all I'd come to know 2016-2018

> Oil on linen 122 x 183cm



Oil on linen 152 x 152cm



Waiting for Godot 2013-2017

> Oil on linen 122 x 122cm



One True Vine 2013-2017

Oil on linen 122 x 122cm



Still your mind, open your heart 2013-2017

Oil on linen 122 x 122cm

Price (including GST): \$33,000

HOLD



Straight to you 2013-2017

> Oil on linen 122 x 122cm



Turn your face from the dark and reach out for me 2013-2018

> Oil on linen 122 x 122cm



Summer Morning (#1) 2014-2018

> Oil on linen 30 x 30cm



Haiku for Rachel (#3) 2014-2018

> Oil on linen 30 x 30cm



Australian Psalms (#6) 2014-2018

> Oil on linen 30 x 30cm



Australian Psalms (#7) 2014-2018

> Oil on linen 30 x 30cm



Australian Psalms (#12) 2014-2018

> Oil on linen 30 x 30cm



Australian Psalms (#11) 2014-2018

> Oil on linen 30 x 30cm



Australian Psalms (#10) 2014-2018

> Oil on linen 30 x 30cm



Australian Psalms (#9) 2014-2018

> Oil on linen 30 x 30cm



Australian Psalms (#4) 2014-2018

> Oil on linen 30 x 30cm



Australian Psalms (#8) 2014-2018

> Oil on linen 30 x 30cm



A corner of road after rain 2014-2018

Oil on linen 30 x 30cm



