

Our September exhibition features the work of Hastings based artist Annie Mackin. Here Annie explains the inspiration for her multi-sensory show. "The word perfume comes from the Latin, 'per fumus' meaning 'through smoke'. This show is a visualisation of scent. For me, scent invokes flashes of colour from memories much like synaesthesia and I was compelled to create and represent scent visually through paintings. Collaborating with Amanda Carr of 'We Wear Perfume,' we selected a Chypre scent by Histoires de Parfum. This fragrance kindled colours and shapes in my mind, which are represented in the seven works using different mediums, techniques and scale. Alongside this, having an increasing interest in ancient pagan goddesses since being in lockdown as well as becoming a new mother, fed into the origins of Aphrodite and the Chypre fragrance. I wanted to create a mystical otherworldly softness conjuring up the idea of Aphrodite sleeping on a bed of moss in Cyprus, where she was born of sea foam. This is the basis of the Chypre fragrance family. The scent will be diffused in the gallery during the show to create a poly sensory experience".

THROUGH SMOKE runs from 4 - 25 September at 35 North Gallery, 35 North Road, Brighton BN1 1YB. Gallery hours 11 - 5.30pm Thurs/Fri/Sat or by appointment.



**Chypre** Oil on canvas banner 138x152cm. £1500





Aphrodite of Cyprus sea foam 2021, Oil paint, pastel and ink on canvas 70cm x 100cm £950





**The Sanctuary of Aphrodite** 2021, Acrylic on canvas 100cm x 70cm £950





**Through Smoke I** Watercolour and perfume on paper 76.5x56cm £450



Through Smoke II Watercolour and perfume on paper 76.5x56cm £450



**Through Smoke III** Watercolour and perfume on paper 76.5x56cm £450



Through Smoke V Watercolour and perfume on paper 76.5x56cm £450



**Through Smoke IV** Watercolour and perfume on paper 76.5x56cm £450



Through Smoke VI Watercolour and perfume on paper 76.5x56cm £450