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EGGERT PÉTURSSON

1 November - 23 December 2012 | Opening reception, Thursday 1 November at 5-7 pm.



Untitled, 2012
 oil on canvas, 100x80 cm.

i8 Gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition of new paintings by **Eggert Pétursson**. The works continue Pétursson's research into Icelandic flora, the sole subject of his oeuvre. The exhibition is comprised of twelve new canvasses in portrait format where different plant species are painted in one-to-one scale. This will be the artist's fourth solo show at i8.

From the delicate realistic detailing of plants to the abstraction of the image built up through layered relief, the paintings entice the viewer with their complex composition of brush strokes and abundance of colors.

"The paintings have all the traits and qualities of a portrait, although no faces are visible in them. If there are faces to be found, it comes completely from the viewer himself. The format of a portrait is similar to a mirror. When I walk through nature I sink deep into it, and the result now hangs on the walls. In the same way, I ask those that look at the works to lose themselves in them. But it can take a long time to view the paintings -- even a lifetime."

"Out in nature I have seen all the most vivid and the most exciting colours that are found in my work. If people do not believe me, then I encourage them to go see for themselves. We have now, for almost two centuries, learned to enjoy nature through photography. I present my work and invite people to consider nature in another way." Eggert Pétursson, 2012

Eggert Pétursson (b. 1956) lives and works in Reykjavík. He studied at the Icelandic College of Art and Crafts, Reykjavík and the Jan van Eyck Academie, Maastricht. Solo exhibitions include shows at the Reykjavík Art Museum - Kjarvalsstaðir, Museum Fodor, Amsterdam and Kópavogur Art Museum - Gerdarsafn. Pétursson received the 2006 Carnegie Art Award second prize.

To coincide with the exhibition, a new monograph entitled, *Eggert Pétursson - Paintings / Málverk*, will be published by Crymogea, www.crymogea.is

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