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Press Release

Emmi Whitehorse
10 September – 11 October 2025
White Cube Paris

Press Preview

Tuesday 9 September 2025, 5.30pm
Followed by Champagne Reception, 6–8pm

White Cube Paris is pleased to present Emmi Whitehorse's (b.1957, Crownpoint, New Mexico, US) first exhibition in France.

An enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, Whitehorse is known for her vibrant, poetic paintings of landscapes, inspired by both the unique topography of the American Southwest and her cultural heritage. Marking the artist's first presentation in Europe in over four decades, this exhibition includes paintings and works on paper created between 1986 and the present day, offering an overview of the last 40 years of her practice.

Whitehorse studied at the University of New Mexico, receiving a BA in Painting in 1980 and an MA in Printmaking in 1982. During her time as a student, she became one of the youngest members of the groundbreaking Native American artist collective, the Grey Canyon Group, which was founded by Whitehorse and the late Jaune Quick-to-See Smith. The Grey Canyon Group was an early challenger of the stereotypes of Indigenous-made art and exhibited together in New Mexico, New York and throughout the American West in the late 1970s.

Informed by her Navajo heritage and the close relationship she holds with her seasonally changing homeland, Whitehorse's ethereal abstract paintings traverse space, light and colour. Her meditative compositions are comprised of chalk pigments and oil washes of paint. Plant-like silhouettes hover alongside her own language of symbols, gestural marks and shapes, drawn in conte pencil, pastel and chalk. Grounded in the Navajo philosophy of *Hózhó*, her practice reflects a harmonious balance between humanity, beauty and nature.

Whitehorse has participated in solo and group exhibitions around the world, notably the 2024 'La Biennale di Venezia: Stranieri Ovunque - Foreigners Everywhere', and her works are housed in global collections including the Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York; Denver Art Museum; Westfälisches Museum, Munster, Germany and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York among many others.

The exhibition at White Cube Paris (10 avenue Matignon, 75008) runs from 10 September until 11 October 2025.

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Notes to Editors:

- White Cube's exhibition programme extends across locations in London, Hong Kong, Paris, New York, Seoul and online. Since its inception in 1993, the gallery has exhibited the work of many of the world's most highly acclaimed contemporary artists.
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