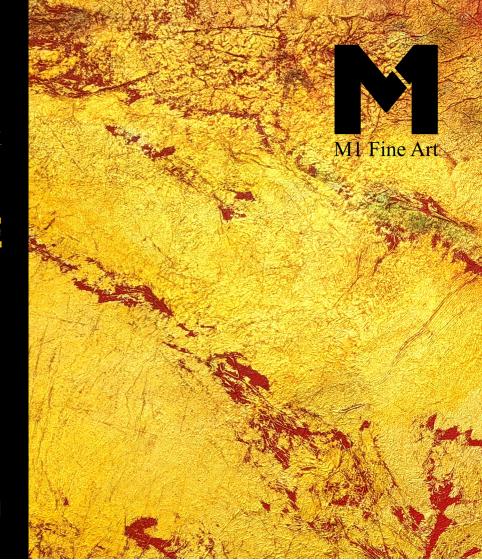
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M1 Fine Art is proud to present a solo exhibition of Ian Lawrence's latest collection, 'Gilt Complex'. This exhibition is more completely concerned with colour than any of his previous exhibitions, the inclusion of gold adding to the range and possibilities of the paintings.

The idea of gilding a canvas and using this as a base for painting was borne of lan's many years working as a restorer. With its connotations of wealth, godliness and sunshine, gold has been used for centuries, from the early icons through to the paintings of Klimt. Generally, it is used as a block but in these paintings, lan is doing something different; he is creating an almost holographic surface.

Those of you that are familiar with lan's work will know that his paintings are built up in layers on a 3D surface. This means that as the light changes, so the painting will change. With the inclusion of gold, he has taken this to another level; the reflective surface meaning that as you walk around them the balance of the colours change, with colours even appearing that at first you had not noticed.

To achieve this, lan paints in a variety of lights, from a single halogen bulb to bright sunlight. No one light is ideal, no single angle to view the painting is definitive and what is created is a truly immersive experience.

The result is a series of complex gilt pictures.



Smile | Original Acrylic and Gilding on Canvas | 34 x 34 cm | £495





"As a colour, gold is a bully; for a painter there is probably no stronger colour." - lan Lawrence

Castle Hill | Original Acrylic and Gilding on Canvas | 54 x 104 cm | £1,950



Kimono | Original Acrylic and Gilding on Canvas |  $105 \times 68 \text{ cm} \mid £2,395$ 



 $\label{eq:Above:Foliar} Above: Foliar \\ Original Acrylic and Gilding on Board | 50 x 50 cm | £995 \\$ 

Cover: Elysian Fields
Original Acrylic and Gilding on Canvas | 208 x 108 cm | £8,995



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