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# Sally Minns

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## Artist statement

My work involves different painting processes often combined in an unconventional way of abstract mark making and figuration. Inspired by both observation and imagination, importance is placed on the positioning of the figure and the subsequent tension with surrounding patterns and shapes. Painting is a way of exploring what otherwise remains hidden. A desire to replicate beauty in an unorthodox way and to disrupt it with contrasting abstract imagery, to find 'the self'.

This process involves building up marks and layers across the surface creating events which I react to until resolution and clarity are achieved. Interested in the complexity of colour relationships, the combinations and choices often contradict the subject.

## Education

Sept 2021 – July 2022	Heatherley School of Fine Art Post-Diploma in Figurative Painting
Sept 2019 – July 2021	Heatherley School of Fine Art Diploma in Portraiture

## Awards

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| August 2021 | Fellowship awarded by Worshipful Company of Painters-Stainers<br>Awarded to undertake Post-Diploma Studies |
| July 2021   | Commendation awarded by Alastair Adams PPRP<br>Awarded for Research Folder supporting Graduation Show      |

## Exhibitions

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| May 2021 – Sept 2021 | Mall Galleries Online<br>Figurative Art Now Exhibition                  |
| July 2021            | Heatherley School of Fine Art<br>Diploma in Portraiture Graduation Show |

## Collaborations

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| March 2021 | Delfina Foundation Online Exhibition<br>Art meets Workwear – The French Workwear Company |
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## Press

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| June 2021 | a-n The Artists Information Company<br>Featured in the Degree Show Guide 2021 |
| May 2020  | Sky News Online<br>Featured in 'Art in Lockdown'                              |