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## FEATURED ARTISTS & CURRENT EXHIBITIONS



### **OLIVER WATTS: AT REDLEAF**

1 February - 25 February 2023

This Is No Fantasy

Dianne Tanzer + Nicola Stein, (Fitzroy) Melbourne

It is so pleasing to see two of Melbourne's long-standing and respected gallerists throwing themselves so wholeheartedly into 2023. Dianne Tanzer and Nicola Stern have resisted opening their exhibition calendar as so many others do with last year's 'summer exhibition' leftovers, stockroom showcases or some lacklustre offering biding time until the holiday season runs its course. They are very much aware that this volatile art market leaves little room for the faint hearted and 2023 calls for new, bold thinking. And This Is No Fantasy's opening exhibition of spectacular paintings by Oliver Watts sends an unambiguous message to the art market that they are very much open for business.

Watts vibrant but expertly restrained palette is instantly recognisable, with the artist's paintings having featured in the most prestigious art prizes, art magazines and public galleries in recent years. Watts super-sized paintings seems to burst from the seemingly cramped confines of the Gertrude Street gallery. They make you stop in your tracks to guiltily stare ever more closely through the gallery's windows at nocturnal and carefree bathers depicted in or alongside the edge-waters of Sydney Harbour, hinting at our more mischievous, playful desires.

**Oliver Watts: At Redleaf** runs to 25 February 2023 at **This Is No Fantasy**, 108-110 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy 11.00 am to 5.00 pm Tuesday to Friday, Saturday, 12.00 am to 5.00 pm

More info on Oliver Watt's latest body of work at This Is No Fantasy [here](#).

Main Photo (edited): Oliver Watts, This Is No Fantasy

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