



KIRSTEN BEETS paints our contemporary Eden. Her paintings inhabit a place somewhere between the real and the imagined, a painted mythology that explores ethical realities. She is continuously looking at the shifting relationship between people at leisure and the natural world. She isolates the moments of these interactions, sometimes as immersive images other times as objects suspended in the picture plane. Snapshots of our curious human interactions with natural environments are all rendered in delicate detail. Her exhibitions are complex collections of observations and imaginary musings made manifest in oil paint on paper, board and linen. Her carefully considered compositions tell a subtle story of serenity and loss, leisure and decay, stasis and transience.

Upcoming Exhibition: 04 July - 04 August, solo exhibition, Salon91. **Selected Projects & Exhibitions:** **2017** - Trees Make Forests, year-end group exhibition, Salon91; Field, group exhibition, Salon91; FNB Joburg Art Fair with Salon91; Artist Residency, Foundation OBRAS, Holland; Mirage, solo exhibition at Salon91; Turbine Art Fair with Salon91; Cape Town Art Fair with Salon91. **2016** - Oracle, year-end group exhibition, Salon91; Paper Is You III, group exhibition, Salon91; Turbine Art Fair with Salon91; Cape Town Art Fair with Salon91. **2015** - STELLAR, year-end group exhibition, Salon91; Everyday Eden, solo exhibition, Salon91; Cape Town Art Fair with Salon91. **2014** - Sunday's Child, solo exhibition, Salon91; Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts, London. **2013** - Possessed, group show at Everard Read, Cape Town; National Arts Festival in Grahamstown; Animal / Advance group exhibition, Ron Belling Gallery, Port Elizabeth; Aurora at Salon91; Cape Town Art Fair with Salon91; For Play, group exhibition, Underculture Contemporary Gallery, Port Elizabeth. **2012** - Scuola Internazionale di Grafi in Venice, Italy. **2011** - First Editions: an exhibition of visual narratives, a group exhibition featuring the first editions of hand-bound illustrated books, Salon91.