



ACT NOW
by Claire Murray, artist painter



ACT NOW – 2021
Acrylic on canvas – 122 x 152 cm (48 x 59.8 in.)

Act Now shows an uncompromising landscape with a clear sense of place, space, and environment, but there is a quiet foreboding. This painting strongly references climate change, the urgent need for real action, and attempts to engage the viewer with ideas of natural history, ecology, politics, and environmental issues.

Elements of this painting show an environment that is hostile, vulnerable, dangerous, and beautiful in equal measures. However, Act Now is a very positive painting that could suggest that there is something good beyond the horizon and out of sight.

The presence of the structural elements near the horizon punctuates the organic natural landscape in an attempt to suggest an economic, social, and political undercurrent in the piece.

The contrasts of colour, shape, texture, and value attempt to convey the natural elements coming together, the exciting clashes and harmonies where earth meets the sky, rock meets water, light meets dark, and soft meets harsh. This is a complex painting with many contrasts; texture/smoothness, light/dark, soft/hard edges, and complimentary colours. However, there is harmony in the colour palette, and a balance between the elements is achieved.

This work aims to balance representation and expression. The representational landscape that is apparent begins to shift towards more abstract concepts concerning energy, light, space, and indeed our place in the universe.

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