



# **Colin Halliday**

# The Nature of Paint

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Colin Halliday reminds us of the simple beauty of landscape. Influenced by the works of John Constable, Paul Nash and John Sergeant, he shows us in *The Nature of Paint* landscapes full of humanity and individuality.

Halliday confesses that he is overwhelmed by the beauty and timelessness of landscape and it remains his chosen subject. He believes that landscape does not seek to convey a message, story, idea or concept and within it he finds an escape from consumerism.

Halliday paints alla prima, 'wet on wet', using a reduced colour palette of pure oil paint - cadmium yellows and reds, lemon yellow, blue ultramarine, titanium white and cerulean blue. He paints standing up on location in all seasons and weathers using a camping table as a makeshift palette with large palette knives and generous amounts of paint.

He started painting *en plein air* nine years ago, painting quickly to maintain the energy in the marks, re-painting what does not work. The end result is that he creates pieces that pulsate with energy and life, giving a genuine sense of light and colour. The sheer physicality of the impasto technique; thick and generous and expressively applied, helps make a piece of work an object in its own right. From a distance, the detail is apparent but as you move closer all the marks and colours appear in isolation. The more complex that apparent simplicity seems, for Halliday, the better.

In this way he seeks to show the layers, the depth and the beauty of his work.



Tulips in a Jug
Oil on canvas
Oil on canvas
51 x 21 cm
Oil on canvas
30 x 40 cm







Spring Storms
Oil on canvas
112 x 112 cm

Winter Upland Oil on canvas 55 x 93 cm



Spring
Oil on canvas
51 x 51 cm

Wild Flowers Riverbank Oil on canvas 43 x 66 cm

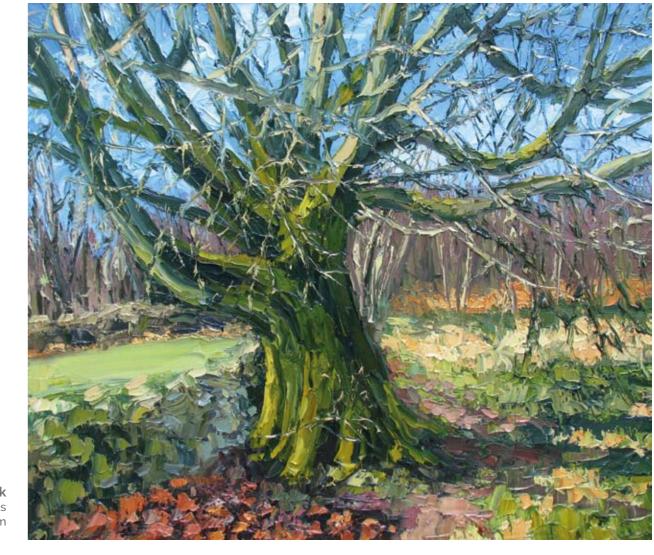


**Deep Waters**Oil on canvas
102 x 102 cm

Rapeseed Oil on canvas 46 x 66 cm



Summer Lane Study Oil on canvas 41 x 41 cm



Ancient Oak Oil on canvas 92 x 108 cm



Coast Oil on canvas 41 x 41 cm

Cornfield Oil on canvas 112 x 127 cm





Summer River Study Oil on canvas 31 x 31 cm







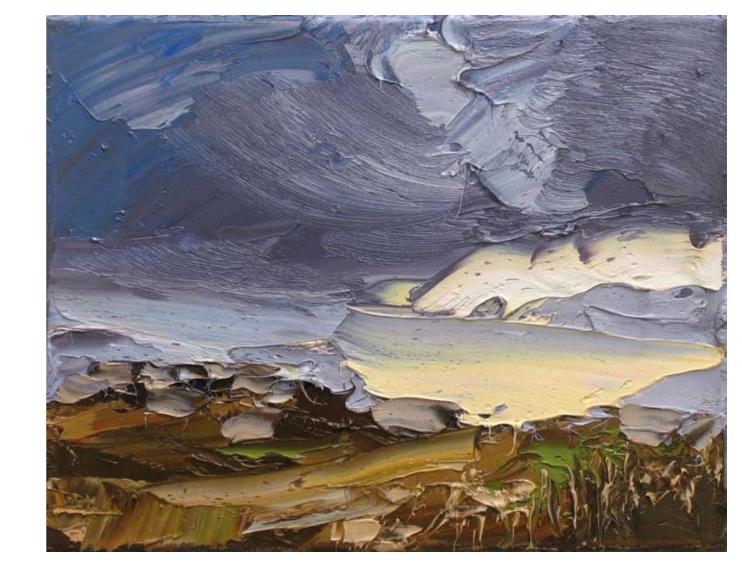
Witches Point
Oil on canvas
31 x 31 cm

Harvest Oil on canvas 112 x 127 cm



Spring Riverbank Oil on canvas 102 x 102 cm

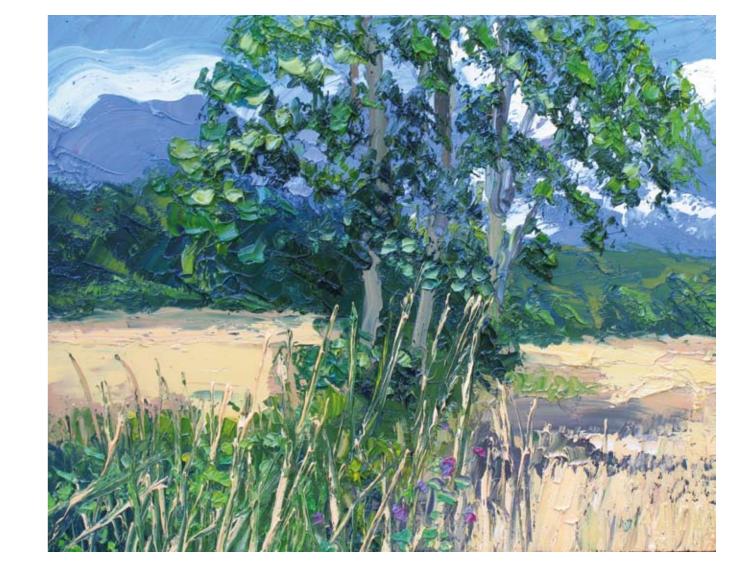
Stormy Skies Oil on canvas 24 x 30 cm





Silent River Oil on canvas 61 x 61 cm

Cornfield Oil on canvas 61 x 76 cm

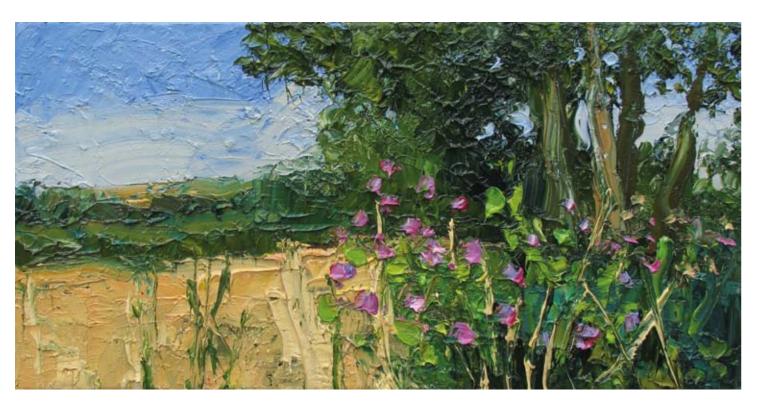


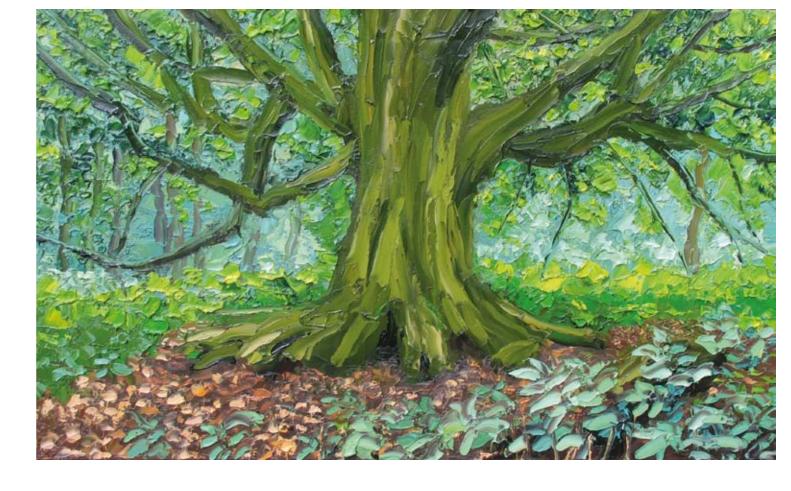


River's Edge Oil on canvas 102 x 102 cm

Oranges & Lemons Oil on canvas 26 x 31 cm







Cornfield & Willowherb Oil on canvas 30 x 60 cm

Old Beech Tree Oil on canvas 55 x 93 cm







Runs through the Land Oil on canvas 166 x 112 cm

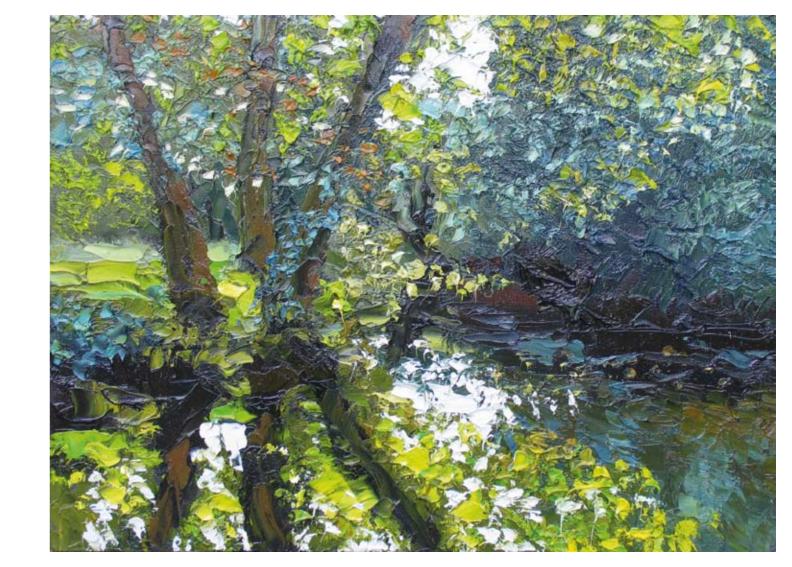
Winter Light Oil on board 24 x 28 cm





Strong Winds
Oil on board
30 x 25 cm











Springs brings Rain & New Growth Oil on board 19 x 27 cm

## **COLIN HALLIDAY**

## Selected CV

2009

1964	Born in Carlisle, UK
1987-88	BA (Hons) Fine Art at Exeter University
1992	Fresh Art, Group Exhibition at Business Design Centre, Islington
1993	Exhibited with the Lake Artists Society, Cumbria
1997	Group Exhibition at Dulwich Picture Gallery (Selected by Tom Phillips RA)
1997	Group Exhibition at Quantum Contemporary Art, London
1999	Landscape in Consciousness, Solo Exhibition at Grey College, Durham University
1999	Future Landscapes, Solo Exhibition at Knapp Gallery, Regents College, London
2000	The Promised Land, Solo Exhibition, Harrow Arts Club/Centre?
2000	Solo Exhibition at Sutton House, Hackney (National Trust)
2002, 2003, 2005	Group Exhibitions at Will's Art Warehouse, London
2003-2015	Solo Exhibitions at GX Gallery, London
2003	Webb's Marine Gallery, London
2004	Solo Exhibition at Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw, London
2007	The Nature of Nature, Solo Exhibition at Tregoning Gallery, Derby
2008	Elements of Landscape, Group Exhibition at Ingleby Gallery, London

Solo Exhibition at Flannels, Leeds

GX is proud to present works by Colin Halliday.

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