

Gail de Cordova



TIME

'Time present and time past
Are both perhaps present in time future,
And time future contained in time past.
If all time is eternally present
All time is unredeemable.'

T. S. Elliott – 'Burnt Norton'

The work in this exhibition reflects different phases of my life:

As a child I was enraptured with the 'Chronicles of Narnia' by C. S. Lewis. What fascinated me was the way the children in the stories moved from the everyday into a totally new realm, a world where time moved at a different pace.

I was fortunate to grow up in Prussia Cove in Cornwall. Whole days would vanish as I spent my time wandering round the cliffs and coves collecting stones, flowers and shells. The little chest belonged to my mother and at some point I kept a shell collection in it. I brought it back to life for this exhibition. The objects in the cabinet also refer to childhood. The drawing is one of my daughter's first drawings, the little sculpture was made by my son last year. The ceramic shoes were part of a project to represent children affected by war.

'Nijar Nights' represents my deep connection with Andalucia where I have spent much time and where my ancestors lived. I was born in Malta and only recently discovered that the 'Azure Window' (a natural arch found in Gozo) which I would have seen as a child has been constantly appearing in my work; 'Window in Time' is the latest on this theme.

Ultimately I believe in the power of the imagination and how this enables us to transcend time so the unredeemable is somehow redeemed.

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St. Michael's Mount
Mixed media on canvas
12 x 10"
£250



Walk to Kenegy
Mixed media on canvas
12 x 10"
£250



Tea Room
Mixed media on canvas
12 x 10"
£250



'Narnia'
Mixed media on canvas
26 x 33"
(Private collection)
Giclée prints available



My mother's chest of drawers
(NFS)



One of my daughter
Imogen's first drawings
(NFS)



'Stepping out' by
Tristram Bellotti
(NFS)



Left shoe by Tiziana
Bendall Brunello, right
shoe by Gail de
Cordova for Stella
Meades Global Shoe
Project 2006 (NFS)



Nijar Nights
Mixed media on canvas
42 x 56"
£3000



Window in time
Mixed media on canvas
33 x 26"
£700
Giclée prints available