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## **I Spy with my Mind's Eye**

**Olga Geoghegan**



**An exhibition at the  
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## I Spy with my Mind's Eye

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## Olga Geoghegan



Her work is figurative, highly individualistic, and reflects her journey with its timeless theme of alienation. Her canvases are worlds in themselves where her figures, either solitary or in strangely disconnected pairs, emerge from richly coloured impasto as if uncovered there by the artist in her manipulation of the paint. They are extraordinarily moving, if a little unsettling, with their curious blend of pathos and humour and remind one of the portraiture of Velasquez and Vermeer where isolated subjects hold us with their detached gaze. Meanwhile Olga's still lifes, with objects as isolated as her people, almost verge on abstraction. Yet her opulent palette and perfectly balanced compositions also hold beguiling echoes of the rich canvasses of the Spanish school.



Olga Geoghegan was born in Ukhta in the far North of Russia in 1965. At the age of ten she was offered a place at the Leningrad Academy of Art's special art school. She graduated from the prestigious St. Petersburg Academy of Art in 1989 where she had trained under Professor Kochergin, the Chief Artistic Designer at the Maly Theatre. She worked for a spell in the Kirov (Mariinsky) theatre as a scene painter. In 1998 she moved to London where she continues to live and work to this day.



Olga's works can be found in private collections throughout the world.

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