

## Kristin Vestgård

After all

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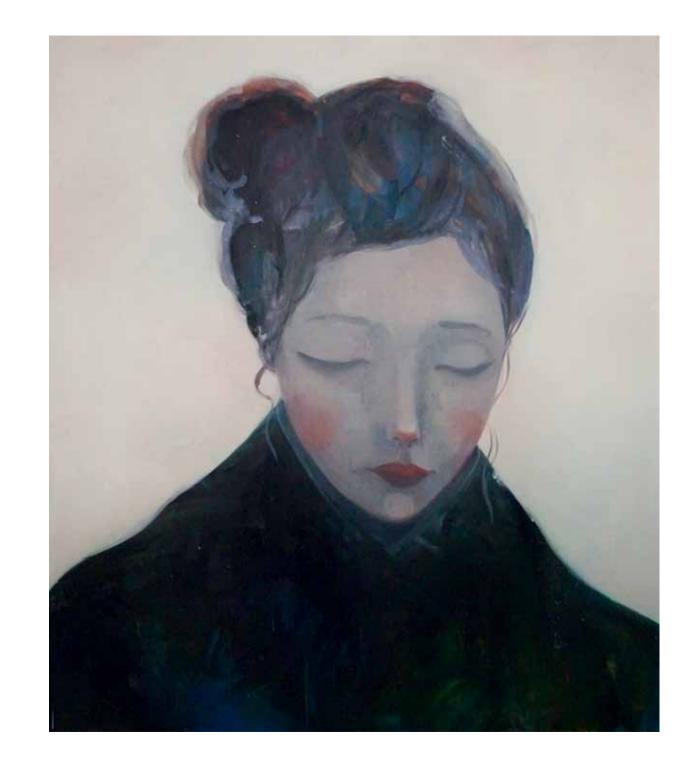


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I work intuitively, I usually have an abstract idea or an emotion that lingers with me, or it might be something I have seen somewhere, a glimpse of something that draws me in. I like playing with my figures, their faces and their bodies, the way they place themselves in an atmosphere and what they quietly speak of, this takes me on a journey and often I am not sure where my figures come from until a few years later, or why it ends up like this. I keep wiping off and adding paint, keeping marks and building layers into the final piece, until the feeling is right.

I know I don't want anything to feel stuck or pinned down, it must be a gentle balance of being both here and not here, fleeting but with a nerve. I gather pieces here and there bringing it together, trying to make some sense and poetry without words, manifesting an existence. Putting it all into words is difficult I think; I want the viewer to bring their own stories from my work.

Kristin Vestgård was born in Horten, Norway in May 1976. She studied art at Oslo Painting and Drawing School before moving to the UK to complete a BA Hons. in Fine Art at Falmouth College of Art and continued to live and work in Cornwall for a further seven years. In 2007 Kristin moved back to Norway and now lives in a beautiful, small artists town by the sea called Åsgårdstrand, where Edvard Munch used to spend his summers.



Smouldering oil on canvas 160 × 140 cm





Just listen oil on canvas 80 x 80 cm

Both oil on canvas 20 × 20 cm







To the source oil on canvas 20 × 20 cm



Between her and the universe oil on canvas  $90 \times 90$  cm



Velvet oil on canvas 70 × 60 cm



Inescapable oil on canvas 160 × 140 cm





Next move oil on canvas 40 x 30 cm



Timeless oil on canvas 90 × 90 cm



Possibly oil on canvas 80 × 80 cm



After you oil on canvas 70 × 60 cm

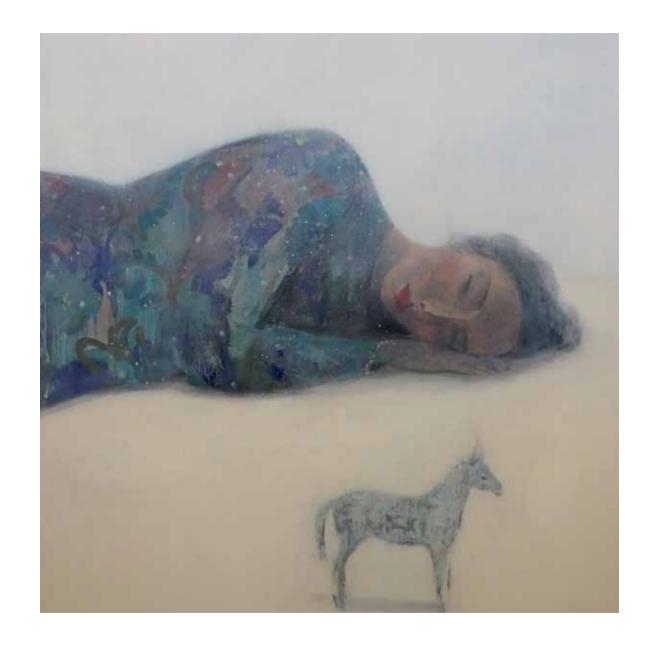
Some wisdom oil on canvas 80 × 80 cm





Along oil on canvas 50 × 50 cm

After oil on board 4o x 30 cm





Wait for me oil on canvas 80 x 80 cm

A gentler presence oil on canvas 80 x 80 cm





Just sitting here oil on canvas 100 × 80 cm





Drifting roots oil on canvas 50 × 60 cm

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FRONT COVER

A gentler presence oil on canvas  $80 \times 80 \text{ cm}$ 



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