

**Robbie von Kampen**  
presents

**Saltwater Rain**  
**Will Maddrell**

**13 April – 6 May 2023, 12 Saint George Street, London W1S 2FB**

Robbie von Kampen is pleased to present **Saltwater Rain**, Will Maddrell's debut solo exhibition. This show encompasses selected portraits from the past year, ideas for which began 13 April 2022, the date of their move to London, and culminating, poignantly, 13 April 2023 in this exhibition.

Maddrell, a self-taught painter, creates portraits coded with Celtic knots, alter egos, and references to late 1990s and early 2000s pop and dance music, with each component aiding Maddrell in their examination of mutable identity.

In **Ray of Light**, Maddrell renders their flatmate, Franny, in a pose recalling Madonna's 1998 *Ray of Light* music video. Inspired both by Franny's feminine strength and Madonna's jubilant sense of freedom, the painting becomes a talisman of characteristics that Maddrell wishes to explore or embody.

In **Skinny Dip**, the artist renders their friend Joe alongside a double self portrait: Will Maddrell as they may exist in the world, and Will Maddrell's feminine alter ego Lillian, who exists predominantly through Instagram. Rendering an image in paint enables Maddrell to take whatever form they wish, in this case simultaneously.

But nowhere is mutability more aptly represented than by the presence of water throughout the paintings. Maddrell employs water as both a physical entity and a medium of encoding; it rushes from a waterfall in **Saltwater Rain** and ripples with Celtic knots in **On a Night Like This**. In Maddrell's paintings water can both encode and embody. It is at once a mode of expression and the artist's greatest muse.

Will Maddrell (b. 1997 Isle of Man) lives and works in London and is a graduate of the University of Bristol.

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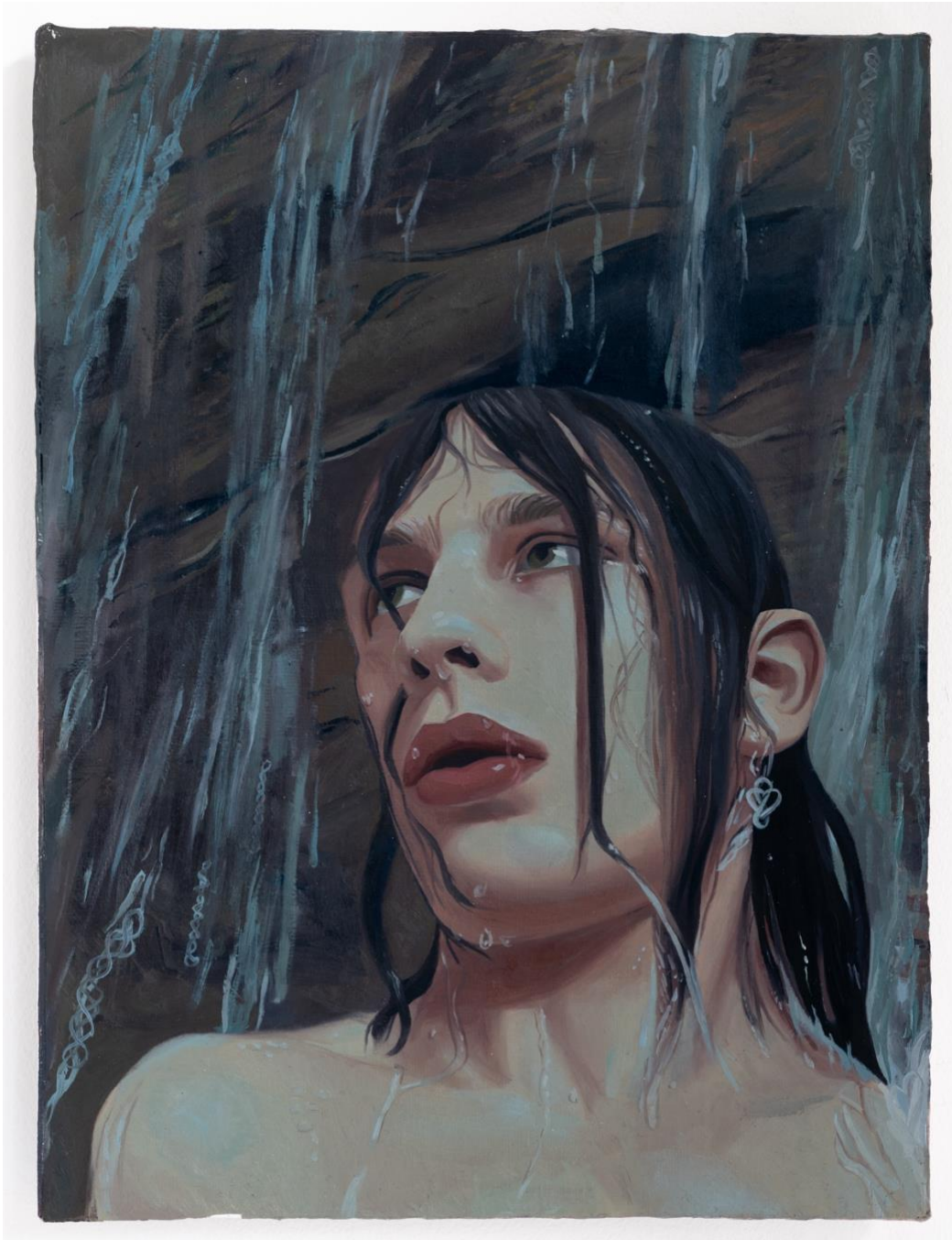
Will Maddrell  
*Skinny Dip*, 2022  
Oil on linen  
90 x 70 cm  
Sold



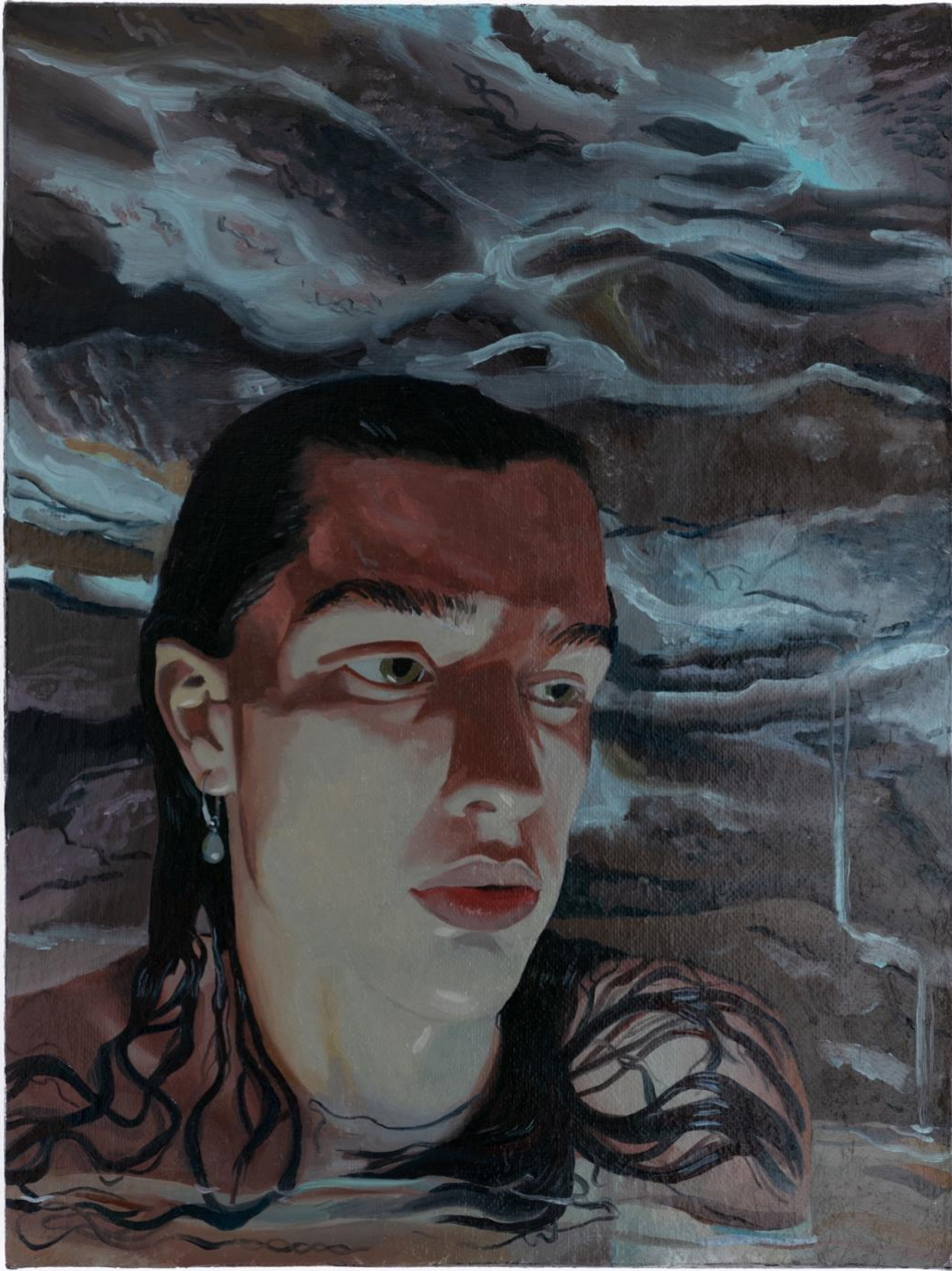
Will Maddrell  
*Turn of the tides*, 2022  
Oil on linen  
70 x 65 cm  
£4,000.00



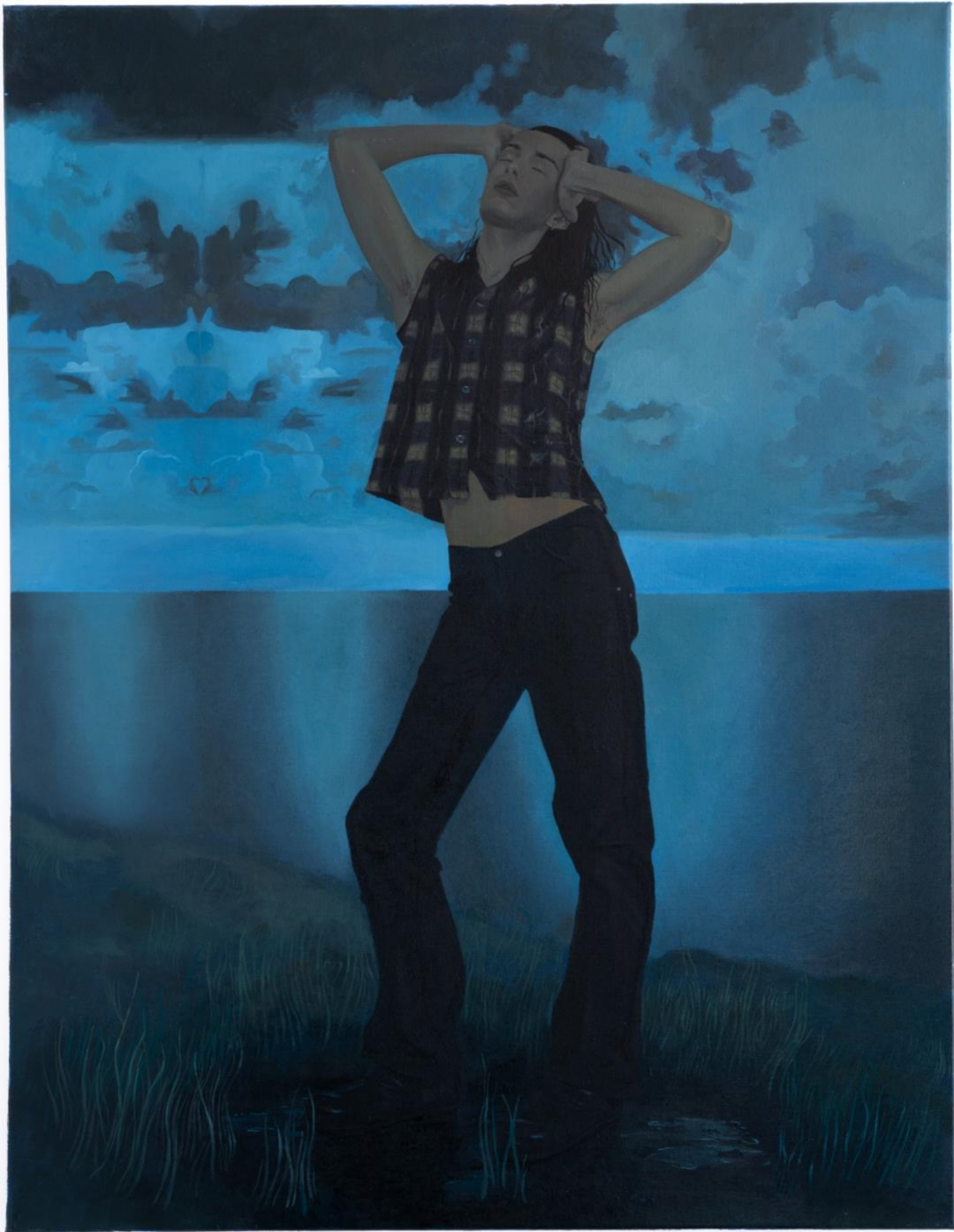
Will Maddrell  
*On a Night Like This*, 2023  
Oil on canvas  
46 x 36 cm  
£2,000.00



Will Maddrell  
*Saltwater Rain*, 2023  
Oil on board  
20 x 30 cm  
£1,500.00



Will Maddrell  
*I Remember, 2023*  
Oil on board  
24 x 30 cm  
£1,500.00



Will Maddrell  
*And After the Rain Comes a Searing Joy, 2022*  
Oil on linen  
70 x 90 cm  
On Hold



Will Maddrell  
*Half-Hearted*, 2022  
Oil on linen  
60 x 75 cm  
£3,750.00





Will Maddrell  
*Ray of Light*, 2023  
60 x 80 cm  
Oil on linen  
£4,000.00

## **Installation Images**









