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Reza Derakhshani's 'Pink House Stories' is a Visual Feast at Kashya Hildebrand's New London Space

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Reza Derakhshani's *Chilling Sunshine*, 2013.

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many other pleasing and lyrical shows.

Hildebrand is well known for having been the first gallery outside of Iran to exhibit Farhad Moshiri's now-famous 'Jars' series. She prides herself on a curatorial programme that includes artists from Asia through Iran, the Arab world, and Europe. Her own international heritage clearly plays a role in her diverse representation, and London is of course the most multi-cultural location in Western Europe making it an appropriate choice for her vision. Fair-goers will know that she shows extensively around the world, and no doubt London will provide the platform which will best showcase her artists.

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Reza Derakhshani's *Just Like a Buddha!*, 2013.

Reza Derakhshani's beautiful, nuanced studies reveal deeper political and social commentaries, which speak without preaching. There are hints of Iranian icons amidst the riot of colour and the Richter-like surfaces that capture a sensory exploration of abstraction. The combination of figurative and abstract works very well for this artist; in his own words: "the focus of this series is the unending inspiration I have from Persian miniatures...they are full of life and colour and stories which are essential to us all." A master of challenging techniques, Reza has yet again experimented with abstraction in his new canvasses, exploring significant creative and philosophical moments from his own ancient culture.

Don't miss this show, which will run through the end of August.




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