



TAKAO TANABE "Crossing the Strait" 2020 acrylic on canvas 32 1/4 x 73 in.

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TAKAO TANABE

Paintings

September 19 - October 10, 2020

OPENING RECEPTION: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

On Saturday, September 19th, Mira Godard Gallery is pleased to open an exhibition of paintings by TAKAO TANABE.

TAKAO TANABE has been an important figure in Canadian painting and printmaking for almost seven decades. Born in Prince Rupert, British Columbia in 1926, TAKAO TANABE studied in Canada, Europe, the United States and Japan. Following a decade as head of the art program and artist-in-residence at the Banff Centre, he returned to British Columbia in 1980 where he lives and works.

TAKAO TANABE's work is in numerous international, public, corporate and private collections including: Art Gallery of Greater Victoria; Art Gallery of Nova Scotia; Art Gallery of Ontario; Canada Council Art Bank; Glenbow Museum, Calgary; McMaster Museum of Art, Hamilton; National Gallery of Canada; Tate Museum, U.K.; Vancouver Art Gallery; Borden, Ladner, Gervais; Four Seasons Hotels; Jarislowsky Fraser Ltd.; Scotiabank; UBS Canada Inc.

Tanabe is the recipient of several honorary degrees and awards including Order of British Columbia (1993); Order of Canada (Member, 1999); the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts (2003) and Audain Prize for Lifetime Achievement in the Visual Arts (2013).

In 2005, the retrospective Takao Tanabe was organized by Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and Vancouver Art Gallery and toured nationally. In 2011, the traveling exhibition: Chronicles of Form and Place: Works on Paper by Takao Tanabe was organized by the Burnaby Art Gallery, and McMaster Museum of Art. In 2016, the exhibition Takao Tanabe - Sumie: Ink Brush Paintings was featured at the Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre, Burnaby, British Columbia.

TAKAO TANABE has been represented by Mira Godard Gallery for over 55 years. To arrange an interview with the artist, or for more information, please contact the gallery at (416) 964-8197, via email: godard@godardgallery.com, or visit: www.godardgallery.com.



TAKAO TANABE "Crossing the Strait 2" 2020 acrylic on canvas 23 1/2 x 72 in.



TAKAO TANABE "Evening" 2000 acrylic on canvas 17 x 12 1/2 in.



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