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ARTIST RETURNS TO WATER
AMELIA ALCOCK-WHITE LAUNCHES 3rd SOLO EXHIBITION

Petley Jones Gallery is proud to present...

AMELIA ALCOCK-WHITE
WATER BORN



Matthew's Aquarium (oil on canvas 2010)

Exhibition runs Nov 29th – Dec 13, 2012

Opening Reception: Thursday, Nov 29, 2012 at 6 - 8pm

Petley Jones Gallery is pleased to showcase Amelia Alcock-White's new solo exhibition, *Water Born*. Born on Vancouver Island in 1981, Amelia studied art at Vancouver Island University then moved to the mainland to continue her studies at the Emily Carr Institute and pursue painting full-time. She held her first solo exhibit in 2004 and has since shown in New York, Los Angeles, Vancouver, and Toronto.

Amelia's work embraces elements of both magic and symbolic realism. Her first collection, *Opener*, explored dream-like and romantic themes. Her last show, *The Art of Staying Afloat*, examined the concepts of personal and symbiotic balance.

The birth of two children resulted in a hiatus from painting, during which she began to explore the concepts of origin, identity, ancestry and rebirth, both personal and ecological. Thoughts of source, essence and renewal resulted in her changing her perspective and her medium, from acrylic to oils.

Her latest collection, *Water Born*, explores the longing of all parts to reunite with the whole. As the water vapour in a rainbow eventually returns to the sea so might the spark of individual life return to its fiery source; she found that water, through its holographic nature, provided a unique metaphor for her quest into the mysteries of biological and spiritual life. From her childhood on the south shores of Vancouver Island, to the banks of Quennell Lake in Yellow Point, Amelia Alcock-White's visual evolution has truly been waterborne. Her travels to the rugged coasts of Haida Gwaii, lonely Hanson Island with its Orca Lab, and the magic of BC's ancient forests have all found their way onto her canvases.

A 35 page collector's art catalogue will be available.



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