

Michael Smith: Illusion Horizon



Michael Smith Studio, Montréal, 2019

Saturday, September 7, 2019

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Introductory Remarks and Artist's Talk 2:00 p.m.

TrépanierBaer is delighted to present Michael Smith's *Illusion Horizon*, an exhibition of the artist's most recent paintings. Anchoring the exhibition will be the epic *Le Passage*, a massive work of memory, reflection, and imagination representing Smith's transatlantic journey from England to Canada in 1978. Several large-scale tondos will accompany *Le Passage* in the Main gallery. His latest small-scale Compass Series and a suite of studies for the *Le Passage*, including source material, will be presented in the Promenade gallery.

"A landscape for Michael Smith is a world and a whirled. He recognizes that all his references are to landscape and he is obsessed with those possibilities. There is no single way for his landscapes to be viewed or rendered and, as a result, the process of their realization is neither stable nor predictable. In Smith's hands, a landscape is a repository for memory (the past) and a site for making (the present). At their core, they hold emotion, psychology and aesthetics in an inexplicable balance."

Robert Enright, Border Crossings

Please join Michael Smith for the opening reception of *Illusion Horizon*, Saturday September 7th at 1:00 p.m. Beverages will be served.



Studio View with Michael Smith, Montréal, 2019



Studies and Source Material for *Illusion Horizon*