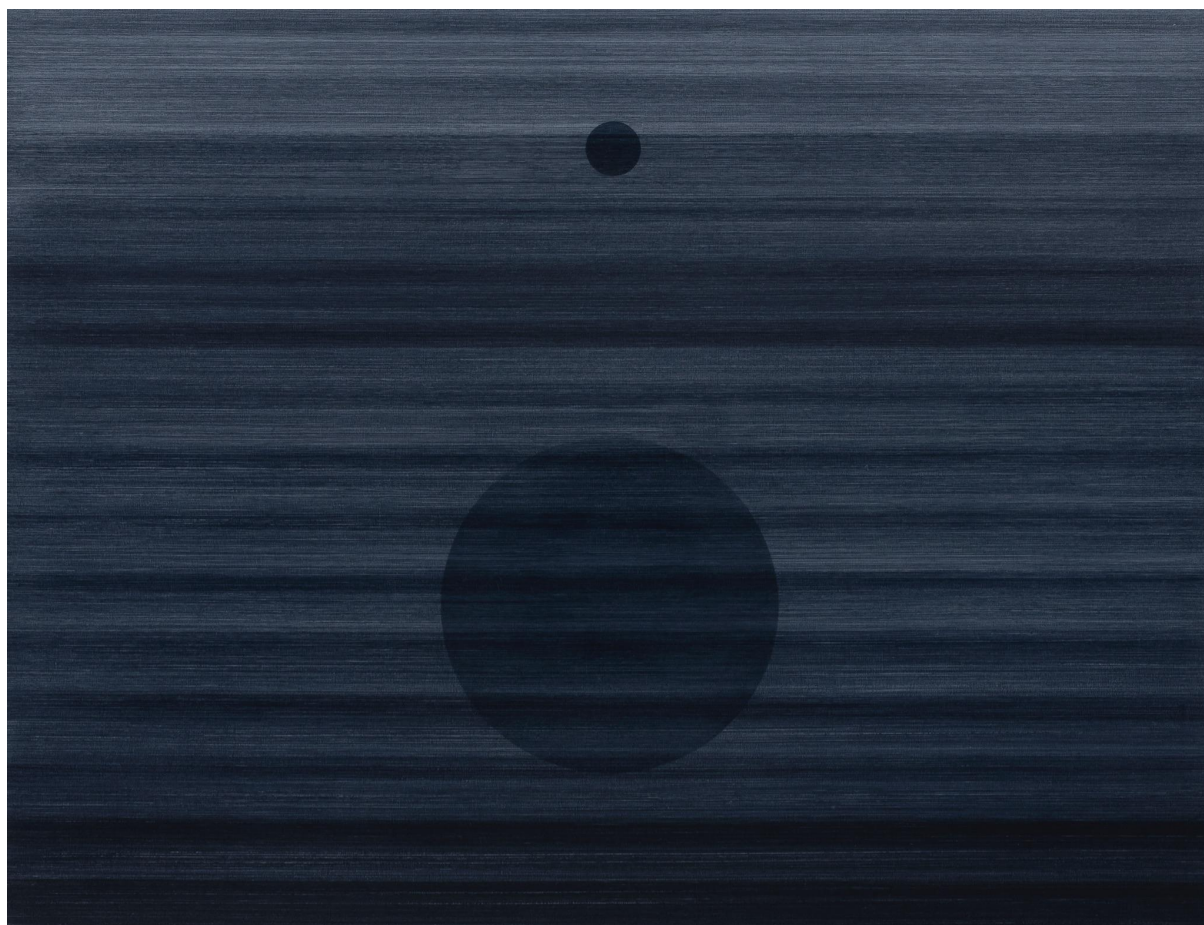


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Artist Kwok Tsui opens *Deferral | Echo*, a solo exhibition of new paintings and drawings, launching on Saturday 30 September 2023 and runs until Thursday 21 December 2023.

*Deferral | Echo* is Kwok Tsui's first solo exhibition, consisting of new painting and drawing. It centres on Kwok's personal experience as an immigrant living in Northern Ireland, exploring the theme of displacement and the notion of home.

In the words of Anna Liesching, curator at Ulster Museum, who has written a text to accompany the exhibition, "This body of work represents the push/pull between journey and stillness in Kwok Tsui's practice and life. [...] Deferral, the feeling of missing milestones and moments, has been a constant in Kwok's experience since he emigrated here in his early teens. The migration process, and the consequent lack of security, has delayed education, professional practice, childhood and even grief."

Born in China and growing up in Hong Kong, Kwok has since spent more of his life in Northern Ireland than China. Kwok's series of large-scale paintings capture moments of stasis and movement, and blend his multiple identities. Many of the works may be read as landscapes that oscillate between isolation and calm, loneliness, grief and comfort - reflecting in part the eye of the beholder as much as the artist's intention. The exhibition includes wall painting elements to create an encapsulating environment in which the viewer can enter Kwok's work.

A series of events will accompany the exhibition and the extended text by Anna Liesching will be available to read with the exhibition guide. Visit [CCADLD.org](https://ccadld.org) for more information and follow @CCADLD on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates.

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### **About CCA Derry~Londonderry:**

The Centre for Contemporary Art (CCA) is a publicly funded space within the historic city walls of Derry~Londonderry. CCA creates opportunities for audiences to experience ambitious, experimental and engaging art and for emerging artists to develop successful careers. CCA fosters a wide range of artistic, curatorial and critical practices through five programme streams: research and production, exhibition-making, public programmes, publishing and residencies.

CCA was a Finalist in Art Fund Museum of the Year 2021, the largest museum prize in the world. CCA was recognised for its resilience and adaptability throughout the pandemic, and their continued effort to support audiences and artists including creating paid opportunities for artists and freelancers when they needed it most.

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the UK.

**Safety:** CCA has a range of safety measures to ensure staff and visitors can enjoy exhibitions with the knowledge that every precaution is taken. This includes hand sanitisers at entrances and exits and heightened cleaning schedules. All who are able to wear a mask are invited to do so and a dedicated isolation room is available in the event of the onset of symptoms.

### **About the Artist:**

Kwok Tsui (born 1989, China) is originally from Hong Kong, China, and now resides in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Kwok graduated from the Belfast School of Art in 2020 with First Class Honours, and is an active member of QSS Gallery & Studios in Belfast. In 2022, He was one of 11 artists selected to exhibit at The MAC's 10th-anniversary exhibition *10 Years of Painting Shows – New Exits* to celebrate the painting practices that have emerged from graduates of the BA and MFA Fine Art courses at Belfast School of Art since 2012. He was invited to exhibit in Golden Thread Gallery *Portrait of Northern Ireland: Neither an Elegy nor a Manifesto* in 2021.

Future exhibitions include *Border / Sky* at Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, in November 2023, with a text by artist Joy Gerrard.

Kwok has been awarded the Minority Ethnic Artists and Residency Scheme to support his practice from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland (2022). In addition, He has been nominated for the Arts Foundation Futures Awards (2024).

### **Image:**

Kwok Tsui, *Lessen* (2023)

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