

**Skull** Oil on canvas 15 x 13 inches

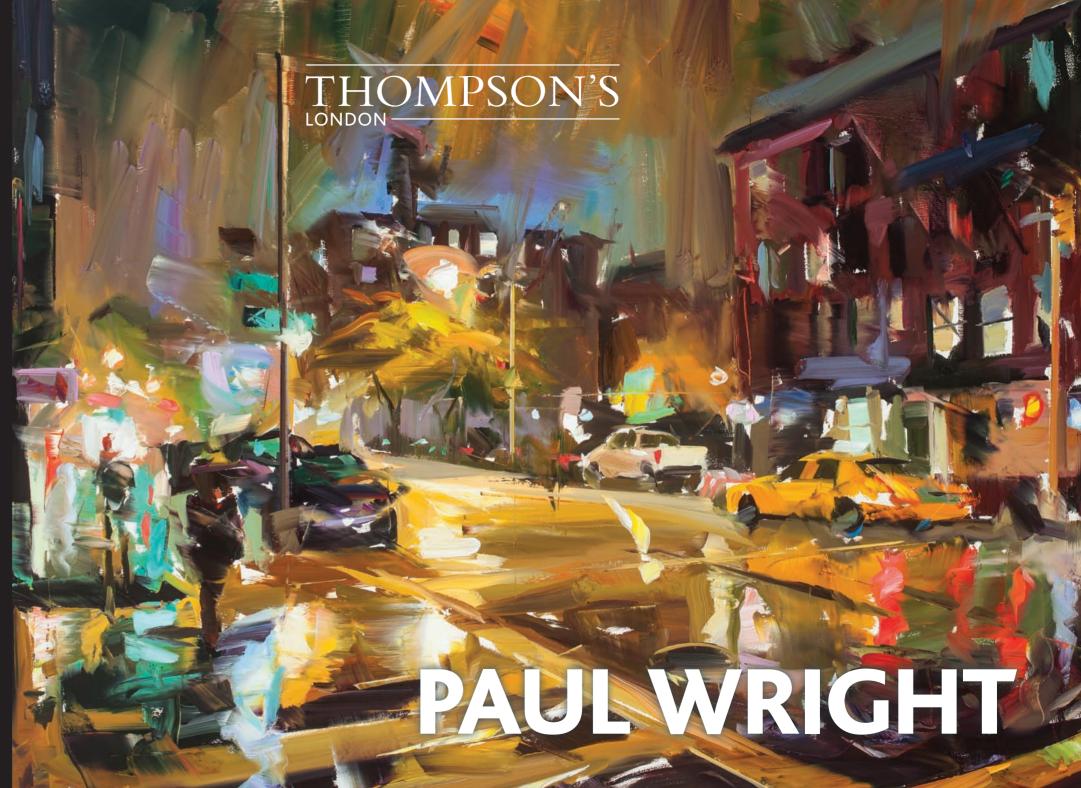
Orange Street Oil on canvas 39 x 50 inches (front cover)



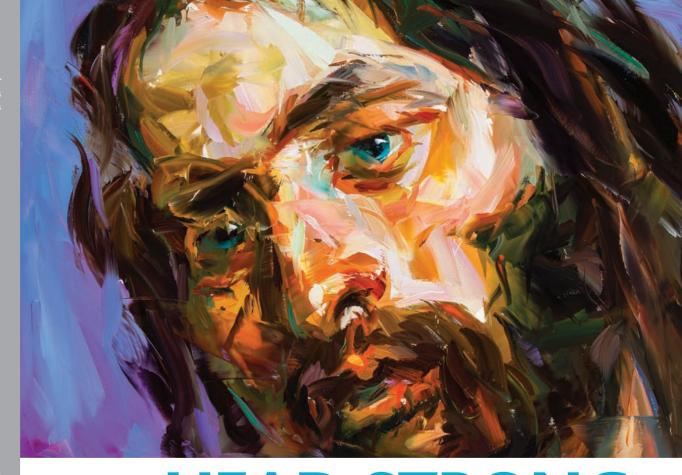
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A Bigger Redeemer
Oil on canvas



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# **HEAD STRONG**

**NEW PAINTINGS BY PAUL WRIGHT** 

## 14th January – 1st February 2015

Opening 11am-7pm, Wednesday 14th January at 15 New Cavendish Street.



We would like to offer you the opportunity to view Paul Wright's latest paintings in the gallery from the 14th January before we exhibit at the London Art Fair 2015, STAND G23, from the 20th- 25th January.



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Thompson's Gallery are starting off the New Year with an Exhibition of the latest paintings from twice shortlisted BP Portrait Award artist, Paul Wright.

These new paintings represent Wright's progression over the past year; whilst maintaining a dominant interest in portraiture, he has explores new themes.

As an internationally recognised and leading figure in contemporary portrait painting, Paul Wright's new body of work includes a wider scope of painting and what it means to be a painter today.

Often experimental, his paintings defy conventional approach with their expressive gestural marks, yet remain anchored in the representational. The drama of Wright's paintings can be initiated as much by the beholder, as it is by the painting itself – his subjects oscillate in comprehension depending on the distance between work and viewer.

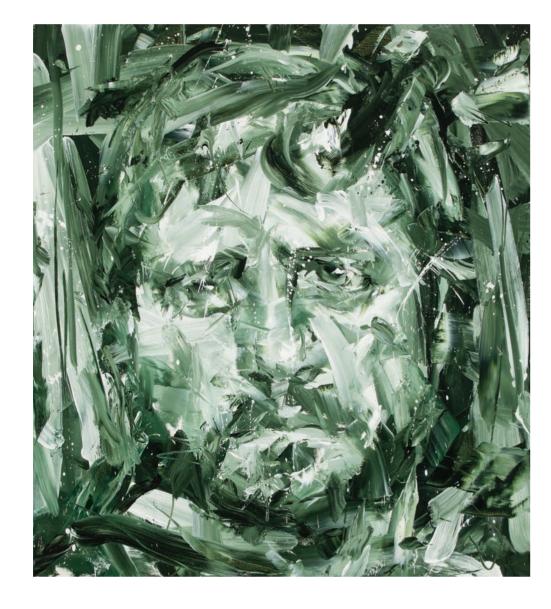
The artist has maintained regular themes throughout his work and this exhibition deals with paintings taken from historical artworks and photographs, landscape and still-life painting. With each, he explores the versatility of paint and its interaction with both surface and its subject alike.

Ever-impressive, Paul Wright's work inspires collectors and admirers from across the world, each new exhibition being greatly anticipated. We hope that you take this opportunity to join us in celebrating the arrival of these new pieces.

**Teacher** Oil on board 15 x 14 inches

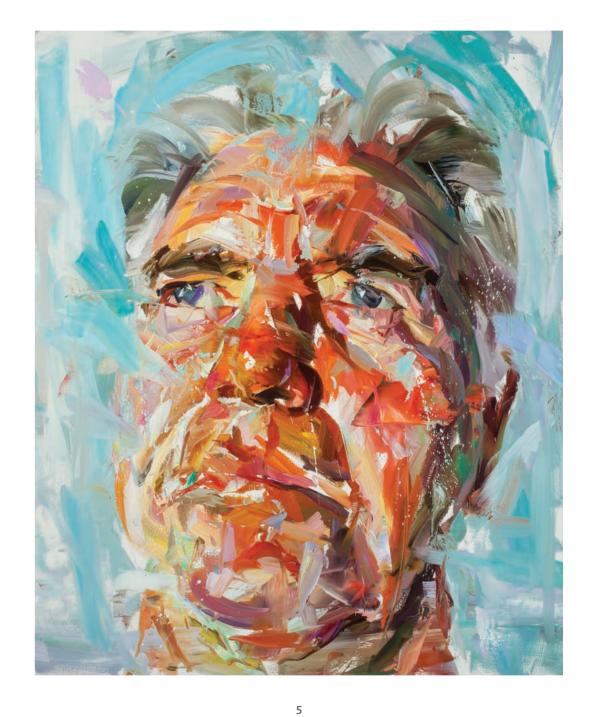
Late Flourish Oil on canvas 43 x 43 inches (right)







The Ice Cream Man Oil on canvas 47 x 43 inches (right)

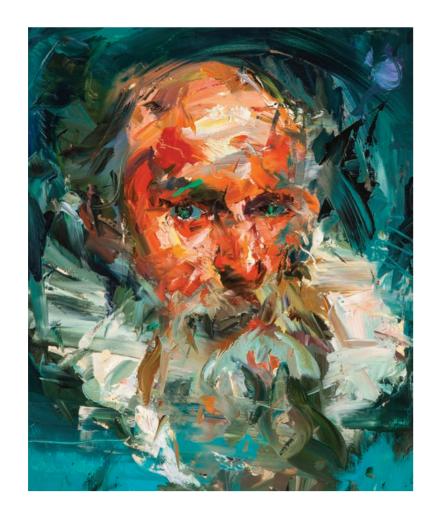


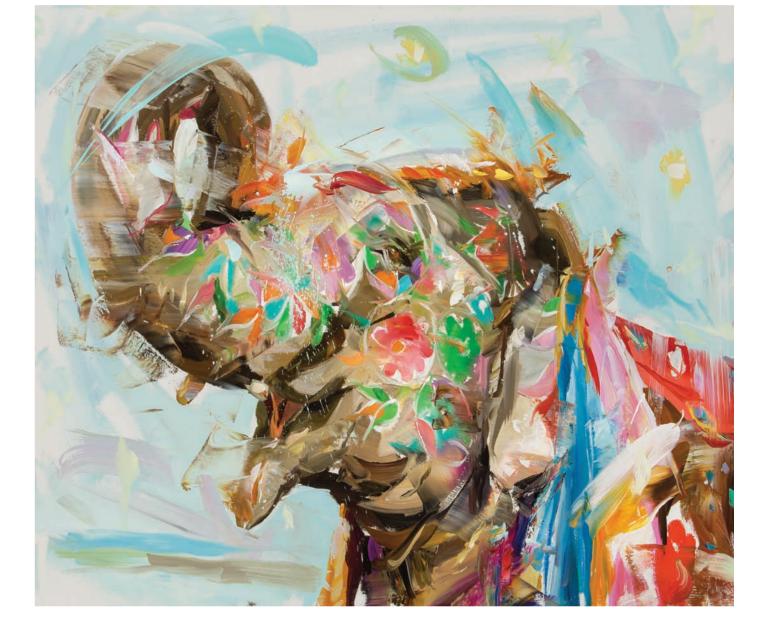


The Secret Passage Oil on board 27 x 23 inches

White on Black Oil on canvas 43 x 39 inches (right)

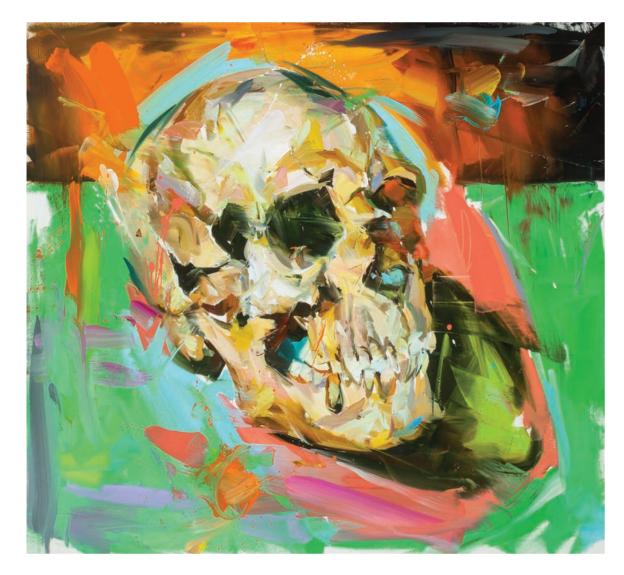






Craft and Guile Oil on board 14 x 11 inches

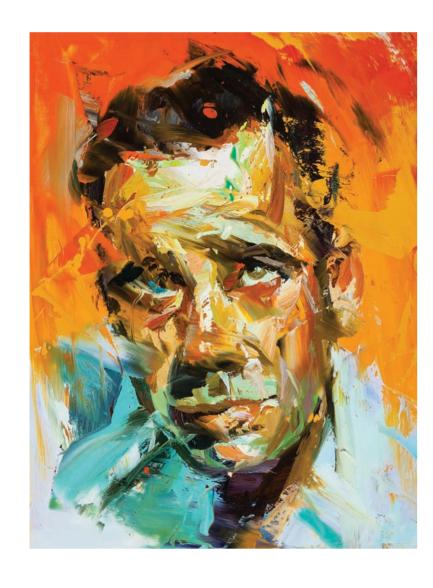
Big Nelly Oil on canvas 31 x 39 inches



Anyone. Thinking of Cezanne Oil on canvas 43 x 47 inches

Young Man Oil on canvas 43 x 39 inches (right)





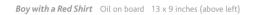
Bollywood Boy Oil on board 15 x 11 inches

Journey to the Concert Oil on canvas 39 x 47 inches (right)









The Boy Oil on board 13 x 11 inches (above right)

The Green Hat Oil on board 14 x 13 inches (right)

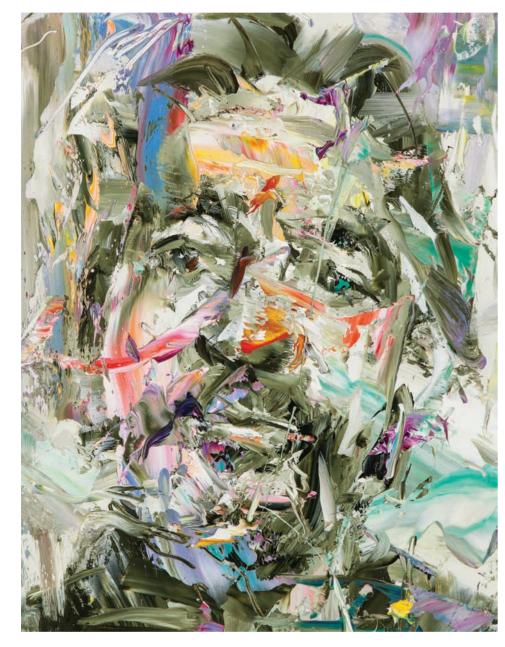




Bogey M Oil on board 14 x 12 inches

Circus Girl Oil on board 47 x 39 inches (right)

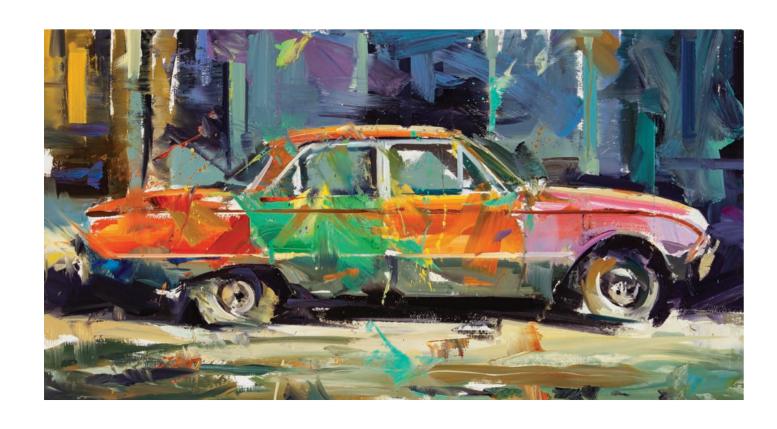




**Roberto** Oil on board 13 x 11 inches



Wava Oil on board 14 x 12 inches

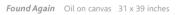




My 80's Oil on canvas 16 x 31 inches

On Stand By Oil on board 23 x 30 inches (right)





**Evolving Head** Oil on canvas 43 x 39 inches (right)





Self Portrait Oil on canvas 47 x 39 inches

### **ARTIST STATEMENT**

I have spent the last 15 years developing a painterly language through which I seek to capture a vitality beyond the establishment of a mere 'likeness' to the subject. Whilst I appreciate the importance of the subject being recognisable, they are glimpsed rather than exposed, their inner selves hinted at but ultimately inscrutable.

Though I often work on a large, potentially imposing scale, the work remains immediate through fluency of brush mark and a rich palette. The spaces the subjects inhabit are often indeterminate, providing an atmosphere that allows for ambiguity of psychological state. The subjects retain their integrity and yet a sense of intimacy is evoked.

2014

#### **PAUL WRIGHT**

#### **BORN** 06/07/1973 LEICESTER

#### **FDUCATION**

1992 – 1995 B.A Illustration Falmouth School of Art

1991 – 1992 Foundation studies Loughborough College of Art and Design

#### POST GRADUATION

2012 Art Toronto, Canada

2011 Art London, Chelsea.

2012 London art fair, Islington

Thompson's Gallery

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2010 Art London 2010. Chelsea.

Thompson's Gallery

Whitchurch on Thames

2010 The Campden Gallery, 'Spirit and

USA, artist in residence

matter' Chipping Campden

2010 The Russell Collection.

2010 Texas State University,

Austin, Texas USA

2010 Modern Artists Gallery, New paintings,

2011 London art fair, Islington,

1999 – 2002 Living and working in Bristol

2002 – 2004 Knighton Lane Artists studios, Leicester

2004 – 2005 The LCB Depot, Leicester

2005 – present Wright studios, Leicester

#### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2015 Thompson's Gallery, New paintings 2010 Thompsons Gallery, London. 2015 Thompson's Gallery, new paintings London art fair, Islington, 2009 The Discerning Eye Exhibition, London 2014 Arusha Gallery, Edinburgh 2009 Paul Wright 'Paintings'. 2014 Patricia Cornish Gallery, Brazil, Monograph self published Recent paintings 2009 – 2013 Loughborough University, 2014 National Portrait Gallery. Drawing tutor 2009 The Bristol Gallery, Bristol, BP portrait award exhibition 2013 London art fair, Islington

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2008 Paul Wright and Ionathan Worth. Catmose Gallery, Oakham

2008 Paul Wright Paintings, Thompsons Gallery, London

2007 Royal Society of Portrait Painters, Annual exhibition

2006 BP Portrait Award Exhibition. National Portrait Gallery London

2006 Paul Wright, recent painting, Modern Artists Gallery Whitchurch On Thames

2005 Group show "Grounding the figure", Saltburn Artists Projects Middlesborough

2003 Artist In Residence, Worksop College Nottinghamshire

#### **COLLECTIONS**

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