



## **the continuity of life**

The art of Maki Horanai

The Macnaughton Focus Gallery

**Friday 3 March – Sunday 16 April**

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The paintings of Maki Horanai display a unique and imaginative combination of artistic sensibilities, transporting the viewer into a fantastic world of dreams. Horanai's work defies any single label, yet has its own immediately recognisable style, often touching or quirky, but always evocative.

*Thoughts while standing in front of one of Maki's paintings:*

*I have stopped myself for a moment to connect with the world that you have created and shared with me. So you enter into the circle of my life. You breathe, you live, you paint; I breathe, I live, I become part of your universe. My body moves closer and my eyes slowly focus in amazement on the details of the smallest parts and then I step back slowly to see larger sections and finally look at the centre and unfocus to see the whole. Only in this way am I able to see that, like in a Japanese temple garden, your spaces around and between are as meaningful as what fills them.*

*I thank you for giving me this chance to see myself through your work.*

Hillel Weintraub, September 2016

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### **Maki Horanai**

*floating above the world* 2015

synthetic polymer paint on canvas

90 × 120cm

Private collection of Maite Kervella