



ANOTHER COUNTRY

PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS – BRIDGET MACDONALD

The Courtyard
Edgar Street, Hereford HR4 9JR

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In April 2019 I undertook an artist's residency at the reclaimed country estate of Michael Baron de Styrcea at Văleni in the remote North East of Romania. Olga and Costica live in the village, the last of a generation who have the skills to be more or less self sufficient on 2 hectares of land. Here in Herefordshire many young Romanians are harvesting our apples and hops. Exile, a drawing dating from 2008, was prompted by an encounter with a young Eastern European worker in the hopyards on the Hereford/Worcester borders.

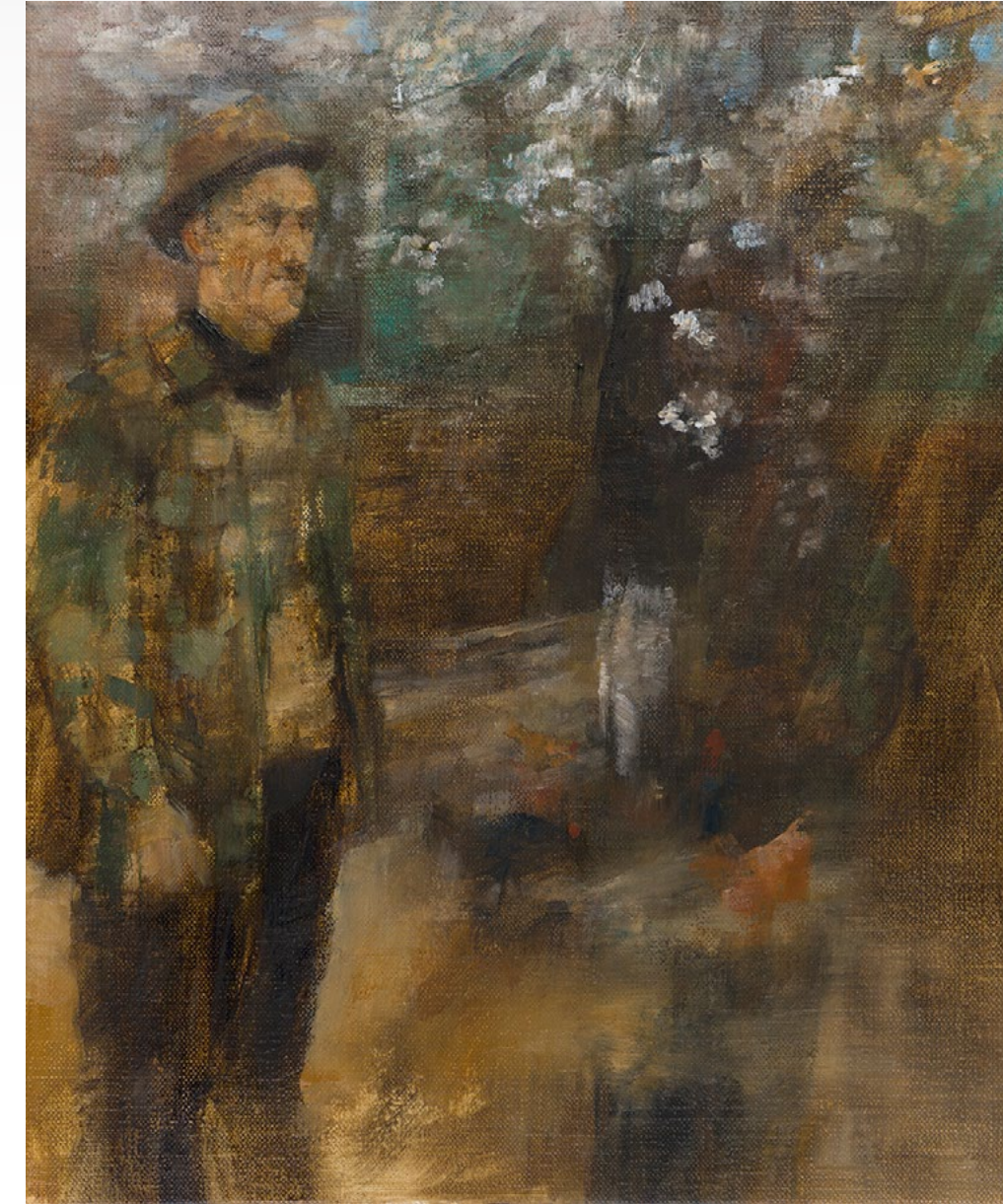
Other rural themes which have preoccupied me for many years are explored in this exhibition. Some works have their source in the coastal landscape of the Isle of Wight where I was born. Others are of the countryside around the Malvern Hills where I now live. A few are from travels further afield in Europe

The Courtyard offers the chance to show a nucleus of new works in the gallery and plenty of space to show other works from the last decade or so on the walls of the arts centre. I have not exhibited in Hereford before although I taught at Hereford Art College at one time and feel a connection with the city and county. We have 10 acres of land just over the border in Herefordshire where we have planted an orchard of old local varieties of apples and pears. Orchards and apples have become a recurring theme, with all the associations that they call to mind.

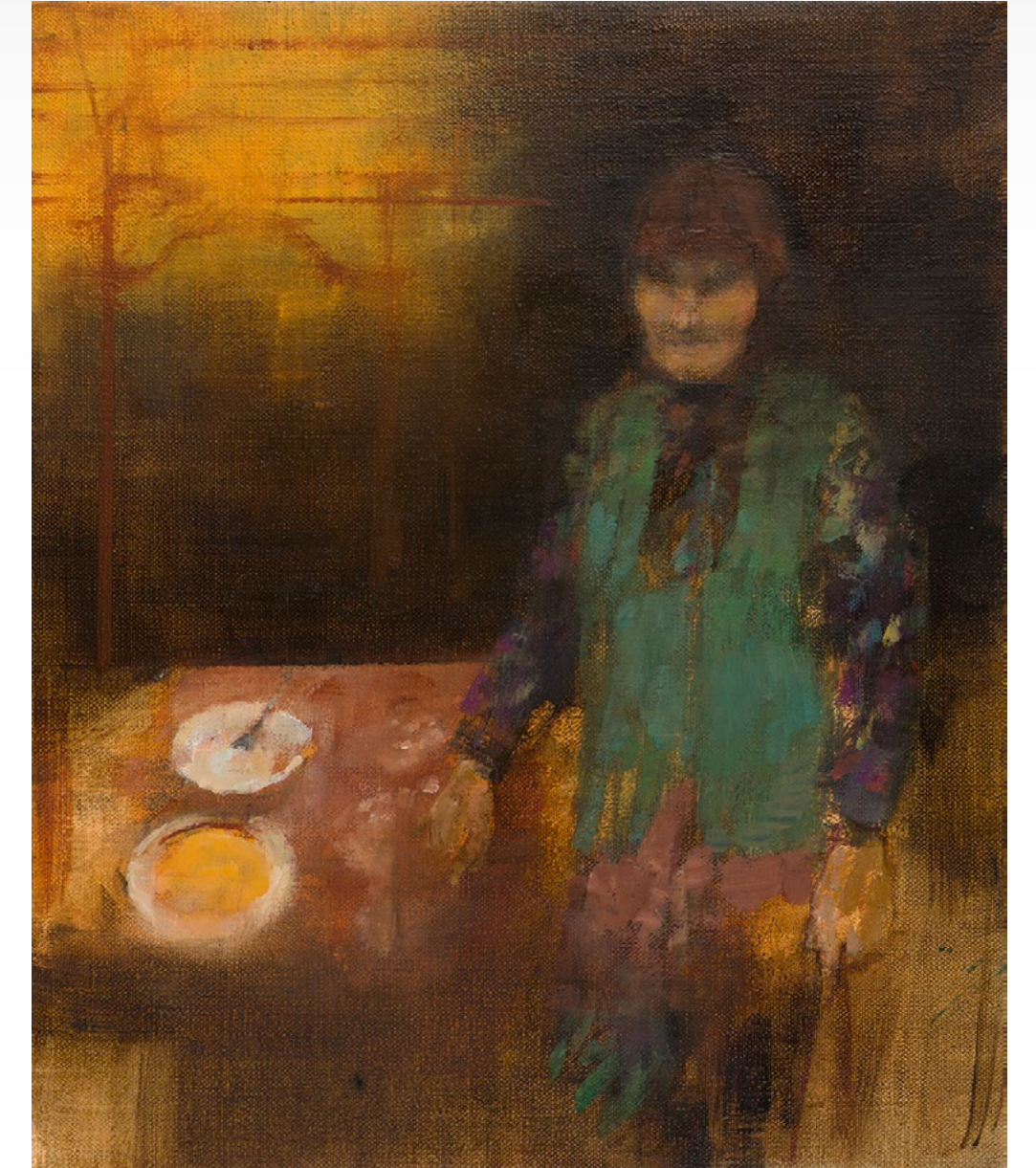
This online publication gives a flavour of the exhibition with many more works on show at The Courtyard, Hereford's arts centre.

Bridget Macdonald
Malvern, November 2019

Cover: Olga and Costica - Văleni, Romania 32 x 48 ins charcoal on paper



Costica in the Poultry Yard 12 x 10 ins oil on linen



Pareskeva's Lunch 12 x 10 ins oil on linen



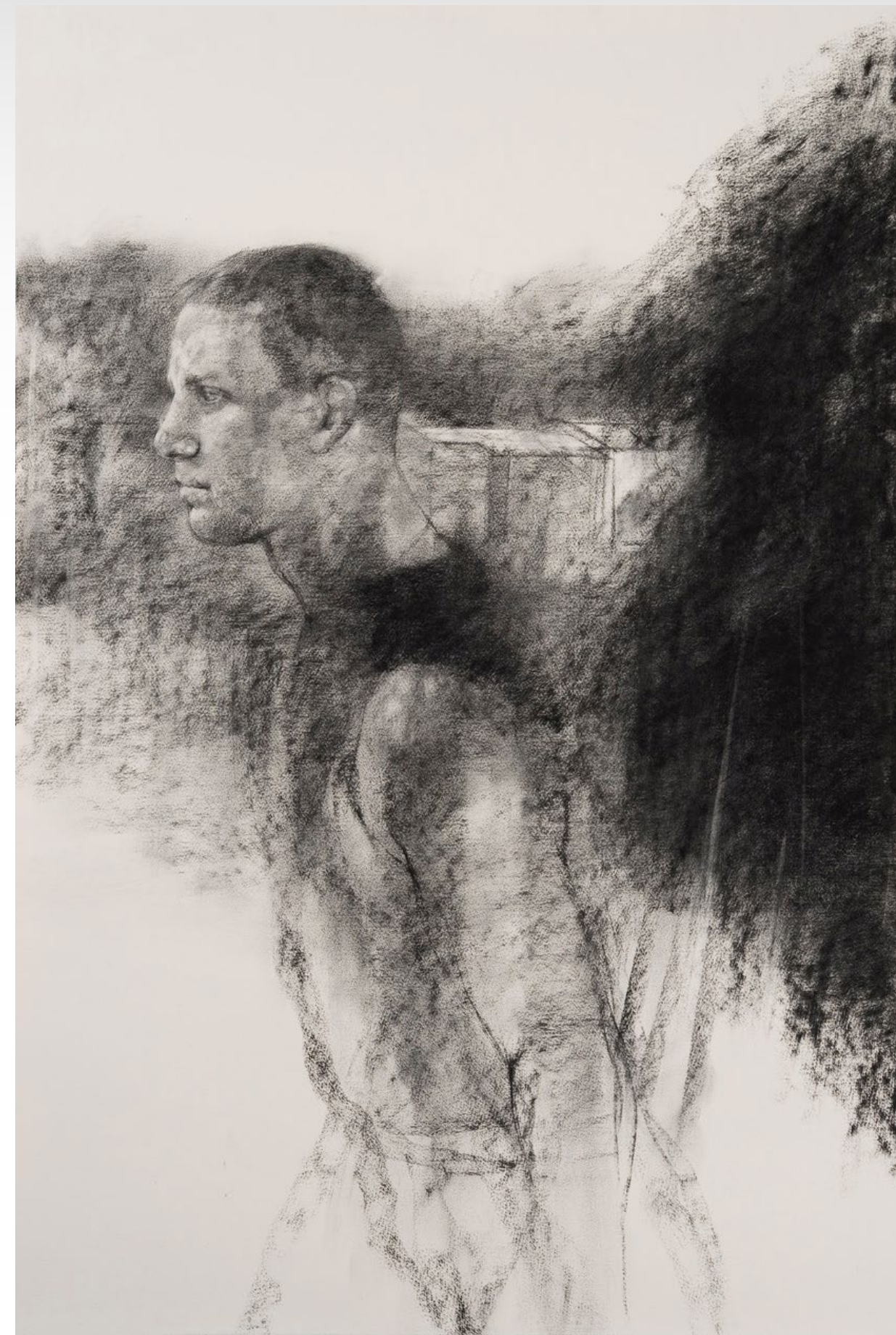
Herefordshire Orchard in Winter 30 x 50 ins oil on linen



Crows In The September Orchard 30 x 40 ins oil on linen



The Prague Hare 32 x 48 ins charcoal on paper



Exile 48 x 32 ins charcoal on paper



Woodpigeons 58 x 28 ins charcoal on paper



Golden Apple 6 x 6 ins oil on linen

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