

Gary Brewer

Lush Morphologies

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Lush Morphologies oil on canvas 2009

L2kontemporary is pleased to present the third solo exhibition of recent paintings and drawings from Oakland based artist Gary Brewer, *Lush Morphologies*.

Lush Morphologies is Gary's newest body of work exploring his obsession for and derived from the intricacies of organic forms. Gary is repeatedly drawn, over and over again, to subjects exemplifying nature's extravagance, such as orchids, lichens, corals and sponges. The viewer physically feels the spatial complexities of these life forms, as if one were thrust into the midst of it all. As if one were winding Dali's melting clock.

It is these intricacies that the imagination becomes engaged, and the subject matter is brought closer to the human eye. "I find magic in the act of examining and enlarging these studies and making seen what is unseen."

Inspired by E. O. Wilson's notion of "biophilia" as an empathy towards all living things, Brewer's work is driven by a sense of intimacy and personal identification with the natural world. In his paintings Gary's experience of nature expands to encompass and express a sense of wonder and awe at the complexity within the web of life.