

# From Yorkshire to Sweden, travellers' tales on canvas

**W**ANDERLUST is the theme of a series of paintings unveiled by two young artists at a Cork Street gallery on Tuesday.

Henrie Haldane, from Yorkshire, and Viktoria Hallenius, from Sweden, met two years ago at their Battersea studios, instantly becoming friends. Although both have shown work both here and abroad, this is their first joint exhibition.

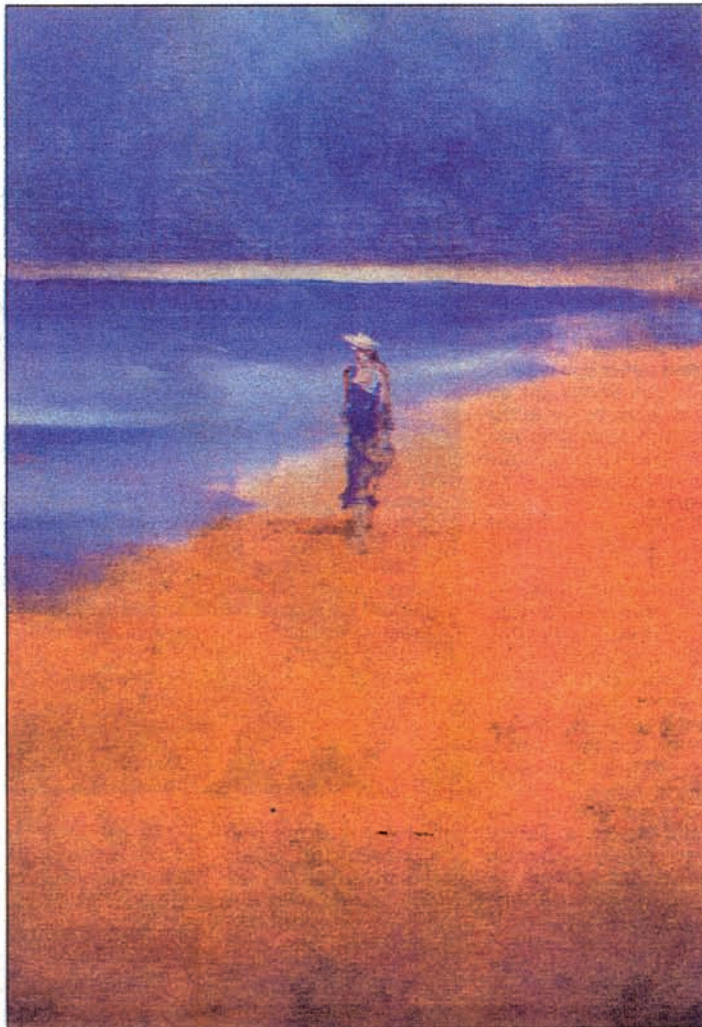
Their work is inspired by a love of travel. Ms Hallenius' paintings includes a series of Egyptian desert landscapes with smudged horizons alongside studies of the idyllic villages near her Gothenburg birthplace. Ms Haldane's work is more abstract, featuring washes of green and purple skies above Alpen forests or unfeasibly large expanses of Moorish architecture.

The two artists plan to travel together in the near future, though their destination is as yet undecided.

Ms Haldane said: "It will be interesting to see how differently we interpret the same subject."

She continued: "I love that I can paint full-time and although all my work is done in the studio, it's such an escape. It takes me right out of Clapham Junction."

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Afternoon Stroll by Viktoria Hallenius



Henrie Haldane left, and Viktoria Hallenius at The Gallery