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Howard Hodgkin: Paintings

Friday, May 1 - Saturday, June 13, 1998

Reception for the artist Thursday, April 30, 6-8pm

The Gagosian Gallery is pleased to announce the forthcoming exhibition of new paintings by Howard Hodgkin, opening May 1, 1998.

The exhibition will include thirteen new paintings completed between 1993 and 1998. This will be the first work by the artist shown in the United States since his critically acclaimed museum show organized by the Museum of Fort Worth, Texas, which travelled to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1996.

These new works continue to explore emotional situations using a highly developed language of color and form. They border between abstraction and figuration and are expanded beyond the wooden boards to embrace the outer confines of the frame. The paintings refer to fragmented memories of the artist's life, travels, friends and places. In particular, a series of recent paintings have been dedicated to the memory of Max Gordon, the British architect.

Susan Sontag suggested that: "The distinctive shapes in Hodgkin's pictures read like a vocabulary of signals for the circulation, collision and rerouting of desire." In this latest group of paintings the gestures and brush strokes have become more highly charged, the language more highly evolved. There is a freedom and vigor not seen before in Hodgkin's work. Even though the canvases are reworked sometimes over several years, the effect is one of spontaneity.

A fully illustrated catalogue will accompany the exhibition.