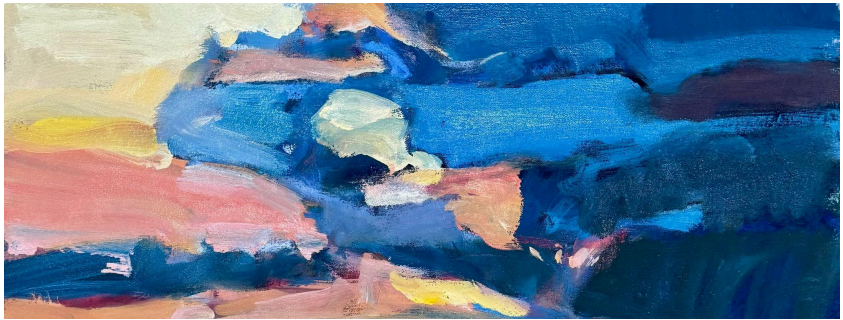


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## ***TERROIR***

Isabelle Abbot

April 23 – June 6, 2026

Opening reception: Thursday, April 23, 2026, 5:00–7:00 pm

BOND MILLEN GALLERY is pleased to present *TERROIR*, a solo exhibition of new work from Charlottesville-based painter Isabelle Abbot. Opening April 23rd, the exhibition deepens Abbot's focus on the Virginia landscape, encountering a sustained meditation on place. *TERROIR* will remain on view at Bond Millen Gallery through June 6.

### **What happens when we return to the same place again and again?**

When we hold our view steady and let everything else chart its own course?

In Isabelle Abbot's newest body of work, these questions unfold through a sustained act of observation and interrogation.

Working in oil and gouache, she visits—and revisits—a single setting in central Virginia, allowing repetition to build familiarity, and familiarity to deepen into meaning.

The idea recalls terroir—the way a place distinctly shapes what grows from it. But here, the exchange is between artist and land.

Abbot's paintings are not fixed depictions, but evolving responses—each one shaped by time, attention, and subtle shifts of perception.

The result is a body of work that suggests the significance of place is not something that is found; it is something that is deliberately constructed, through the act of looking deeply.

ARTIST STATEMENT / ISABELLE ABBOT & EMILY VALENTINE

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**Isabelle Abbot** uses painting to explore the world around her and, through the tools of brush and paint, come to a deeper understanding of the landscapes she's connected to.

Abbot grew up in Greenwood, Virginia and studied art at the University of Virginia with painters Richard Crozier and Philip Geiger. She earned her Masters in Fine Arts in Painting from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro in 2011. She returned to Charlottesville, VA to teach painting at the University of Virginia before transitioning to a full-time artist. Her work is featured in the collections of Capital One, Dominion Energy, and Keswick Hall.

## **ABOUT BOND MILLEN GALLERY**

Located in Richmond, Virginia, Bond Millen Gallery is a dynamic gallery and advisory studio dedicated to contemporary art with heart and vision. We champion living artists—both emerging and mid-career—seeking to present thoughtful and innovative exhibitions across various spectrums of art practices, including painting, photography, sculpture, and printmaking.

Founded in 1999 by Page Bond and reimaged under Ashley Millen in 2023, the gallery remains committed to fostering meaningful connections between artists, collectors, and the broader community. With a roster of over sixty artists working in Virginia and beyond, our exhibitions and digital platforms aim to engage, inspire, and elevate.