

**PRESS RELEASE**

**WAYNE THIEBAUD**

*Riverscapes*

**11 April - 23 May 2003**

Faggionato Fine Arts is pleased to announce their forthcoming exhibition of Wayne Thiebaud, *Riverscapes*. This is the first exhibition of Thiebaud's paintings in London.

The show presents 6 large-scale, riverscapes in oil on canvas, (each work is 6 x 5 ft) , a theme Thiebaud has pursued since the mid 1990s. Though obviously evocative of the Sacramento River Valley, where the artist lives, the compositions, worked from memory, are freed from the constraints of direct visual observation. By combining multiple viewpoints Thiebaud creates optical uncertainty, forcing the viewer to take an extreme visual journey across the canvas. Implausible sources of daylight and irregular use of scale further enhance the spatial inconsistency creating crazy quilts of intensely coloured landscapes. The resulting large luminous compositions, conceived of and worked on as a group, disorientate the viewer whilst simultaneously remaining remarkably real.

Born in 1920, Thiebaud first gained national attention in 1962 with a one person show of still life paintings "of simple or commonplace objects" from middle class America, at the Allan Stone Gallery in New York. These paintings of foods and everyday consumer goods gained him enormous critical success which was followed with articles in national publications such as *Newsweek*, *ArtForum*, *Life* and the *New York Times*. The first major retrospective of his work was held in 1985, followed by a second in 2001 - 02, which travelled from the Fine Arts Museum San Francisco, California Palace of the Legion of Honor, to the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, The Phillips Collection, Washington DC, and the Whitney Museum of American Art.

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**Preview**

Thursday 10 April, 6-8pm

**Gallery Hours**

Mon - Friday 10am - 6pm, Saturday 11am - 4pm

Closed all bank holidays

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