PAUL BUTTERWORTH

Contemporary Abstract Painter
Cambridge, UK

Colour gives me joy, and I want to share it. Painting feels like writing a play for the subconscious, using colours and shapes instead of words. Colours are like people: they change depending on who they're hanging out with.

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EDUCATION

BA (Hons) Painting — University for the Creative Arts, 2024

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

The Graduate Art Show — Winner
Vanner Gallery, Salisbury, 2025

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ArtCan / K.art Virtual Exhibition, 2026

Byard Art — Group Presentation
Cambridge, 2025

Drama of Colours
Cambridge Art Space, Cambridge, 2023

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

The Graduate Art Show — Guest Judge, 2026

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

CCA Galleries Emerging Artist Award — Shortlisted, 2026
Long Gallery, Tilford, Surrey
(14 April – 29 May 2026)

RISE Emerging Artist Prize — Shortlisted, 2025 & 2026

Jackson’s Art Prize — Extended Longlist, 2025 & 2026

Homiens Art Prize — Highly Commended, 2024

Beep Painting Biennial — Longlisted, 2024