



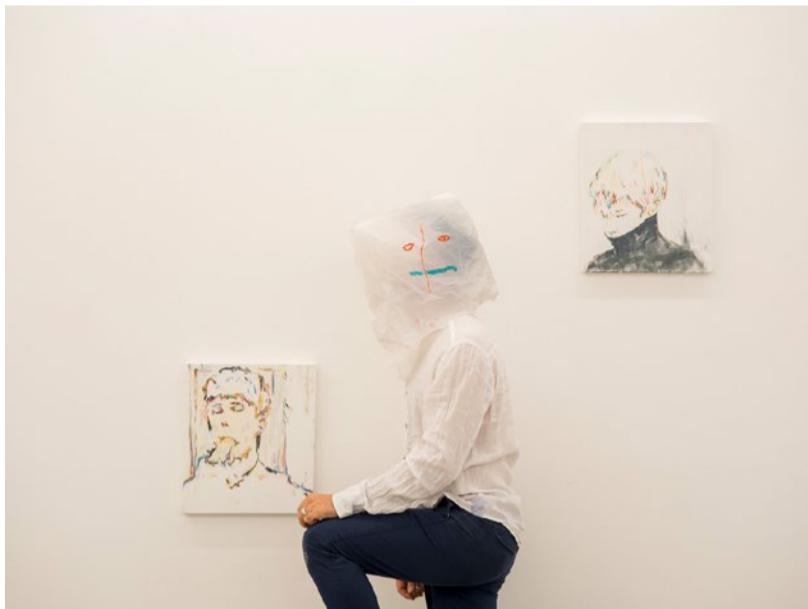
CHAPTER HOUSE LANE

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## ELYAS ALAVI

### *Daydreamer Wolf*

3 May – 30 June 2018



Elyas Alavi, *Where is homeland?*, 2017. Image courtesy of Sam Roberts.

Chapter House Lane invites you to the opening reception of *Daydreamer Wolf*, a solo exhibition by artist and poet Elyas Alavi, on Friday 18 May from 6-8pm.

Presented across Chapter House Lane and St Heliers Street Gallery Abbotsford Convent, as part of Next Wave Festival 2018, *Daydreamer Wolf* is a significant cross-disciplinary body of work by Alavi that spans painting, installation, poetry and video. The exhibition takes an auto-ethnographic approach to respond to issues of identity, memory, migration and exile. Using his own experience as a Hazara refugee as a starting point, Elyas Alavi's work speaks to broader socio-political issues in Afghanistan, the Middle East and Australia.

For Chapter House Lane, Alavi will present a series of expressionistic portraits of Hazara people on glass, some of whom now live in Australia. Part of a larger series of 113 portraits, Alavi uses a mythological framework—where 113 is a number in Shia Islam that symbolises hope—to think critically about displacement and conflict. The series offers a multifaceted narrative that breaks with the way that refugee experiences are understood in the West. The opening will be accompanied by a reading of Alavi's award-winning poetry, alongside an experimental music performance by Dale Gorfinkel and Aviva Endean.

Please join us for the opening event and performance at Chapter House Lane on Friday 18 May, 6-8pm.

Content warning: This exhibition contains depictions of traumatic events, and contains images of people who have died.

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**Opening: Friday 18 May, 6–8pm**

**Chapter House Lane, entry via Flinders Lane  
Melbourne VIC 3000**

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*Daydreamer Wolf* is a Next Wave x ACE Open and First Draft co-commission and has been assisted by Abbotsford Convent, Chapter House Lane, Arts South Australia and the Australian Government through Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.

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