

# ANTONY GORMLEY

## *EXHIBITION OF DRAWINGS AT THE ATKINSON*

Opening 5 September 2015, ELEMENTAL at The Atkinson, Southport brings together two series of drawings: BODY & LIGHT and NORTH LIGHT. The works evoke fleeting moments of illumination in the darkness of the body, the earth, the ocean or deep space.

'The first series, made in 1990-96, was inspired by regular trips made each year to the southern end of Coniston Water in the Lake District. Completed on small sheets of soaked, handmade paper, the drawings are swiftly executed using a Chinese calligraphy brush and black pigment and casein. The pigment disperses at different speeds and densities, enhancing the feeling of immersion. The works, often made at night, convey the sensation of floating in space or diving through deep water. Light plays a major role, acting as a foil to the weight of the ground or body, or as in the latest drawings NORTH LIGHT, evoking the luminous beginnings of astral matter. The works seem to emerge, rather than be willed, into form.'

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