by Sean Scully

Sean Scully converses with Luis Barragán in a new exhibition. Find the latest shows, biography, and artworks for sale by Sean Scully. Demonstrating an unwavering commitment to abstraction, Sean Scully's paintings and prints explore the delicate balance between layering color and creating spatial depth. The resulting works are characterized by their rich, painterly abstractions, which defy easy categorization.

The exhibition, titled 'The Rough Trade of Abstraction', opens at the Mnuchin Gallery in New York in May 2018. It features over twenty paintings, watercolors, and pastels from the past twenty years, including works from the artist's recent retrospective at the National Gallery of Australia. The exhibition offers a comprehensive overview of Scully's career and his continued exploration of space and color.

Sean Scully was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1945 and grew up in London. He studied painting at the University of Newcastle and later at Croydon College of Art. Today, he splits his time between New York City, Barcelona, and Tappan, New York, where he continues to work in his studio in southern Germany.

Scully's art is characterized by its monumental scale and its exploration of color and light. His paintings layering stripes or blocks of color are a prevailing motif. The delineated geometry of his work is matched by a rich, painterly touch that defies easy categorization. Though abstract, his imagery is derived from the natural world and the human experience.