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Petra Cortright

shot silk wave star weep crush jet win

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Sydney

shot silk wave star weep crush jet win **is Los Angeles-based artist Petra Cortright's second solo exhibition with 1301SW. Following her 2023 Melbourne presentation, this exhibition — her first in Sydney — features a new series of digital paintings and video.**

Considered a pioneering figure within the 'Post-Internet Art' movement, Cortright's distinct practice centres on the creation, manipulation, and distribution of digital files and images. Endlessly modifiable, at a "decisive moment" they are translated into objects. Her files become finite, yet their range of motifs and marks, disorienting perspectives and dimensions, suggest dynamic change. After the early recognition of her work in video, Cortright's digital engagement has expanded to both painting and sculpture. *shot silk wave star weep crush jet win* focuses on her painting, across specific substrates: canvas, aluminium and wood. Here, the digital is immersed with both the coldness and warmth of materials, where the texture of each surface plays an important role.

In these paintings, there is an overarching nautical theme, where the ocean is fragmented with abstract elements featuring intense brushwork, while others remain still and simplistic. Cortright holds a deep love for the ocean — or more specifically water — and her longing to return to live alongside it is represented by the windows or portals seen in these works, which frame the views she pines to have outside her own domestic window. This view is both calm and stormy. It presents a collision of optimism with an underlying melancholy that seemingly always persists since the devastating Los Angeles fires in 2025.

Within *shot silk wave star weep crush jet win*, Cortright presents paths, some to follow and others to be wary of, but all with depth and intrigue. They overarchingly lay out an environment of fragmented beauty and darkness, desire and caution.







Petra Cortright
"Atlantic_atm_155mbit" bandwidth_benchmark throughput.csv, 2026
Digital painting on canvas
149 x 108 x 2.54 cm



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"Ohio_36th" eld_artillery roster_update.dat, 2026
Digital painting on canvas
119 x 88.01 x 2.54 cm



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"Abiquiu_nm" 260415 archive_scan rasterize_output.bmp, 2026
Digital painting on Birch wood panel
49.99 x 107.01 x 2.54 cm



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FLOPPY_STACK 2.0_mb_diskette sector_map 5th_commandment.txt, 2026
Digital painting on Birch wood panel
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"Gareld_st_1023" 3316_controller bus_latency_report.log, 2026
Digital painting on Birch wood panel
49.99 x 107.01 x 2.54 cm



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VECTOR_CACHE 3480_tape_drive spool_sequence.qic, 2026
Digital painting on Birch wood panel
49.99 x 107.01 x 2.54 cm





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CIRCOLARE_20_luglio_1994 decreto_ministero annex_A.doc, 2026
Digital painting on canvas
119 x 88.01 x 2.54 cm



Petra Cortright
"Malabar_FL_1600_US_Hwy_1" zip_32950 property_listing microche_scan.tif, 2026
Digital painting on Birch wood panel
119 x 88.01 x 2.54 cm



Petra Cortright
"Acer_magic_20" display_calibration gamma_curve.icc, 2026
Digital painting on canvas
119 x 88.01 x 2.54 cm





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"Plymouth_voyager_2_5_liter" engine_block schematic_revB.dwg, 2026
Digital painting on canvas
76 x 100.99 x 2.54 cm



Petra Cortright
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Digital painting on canvas
119 x 88.01 x 2.54 cm





Petra Cortright
"Air_trac_control_jobs" dispatch_queue training_manual.v1.doc, 2026
Digital painting on anodised aluminium
30 x 30 x 2.54 cm



Petra Cortright
"Harper_weekly_1872" elephant_republicans engraving_set.ai, 2026
Digital painting on canvas
76 x 100.99 x 2.54 cm



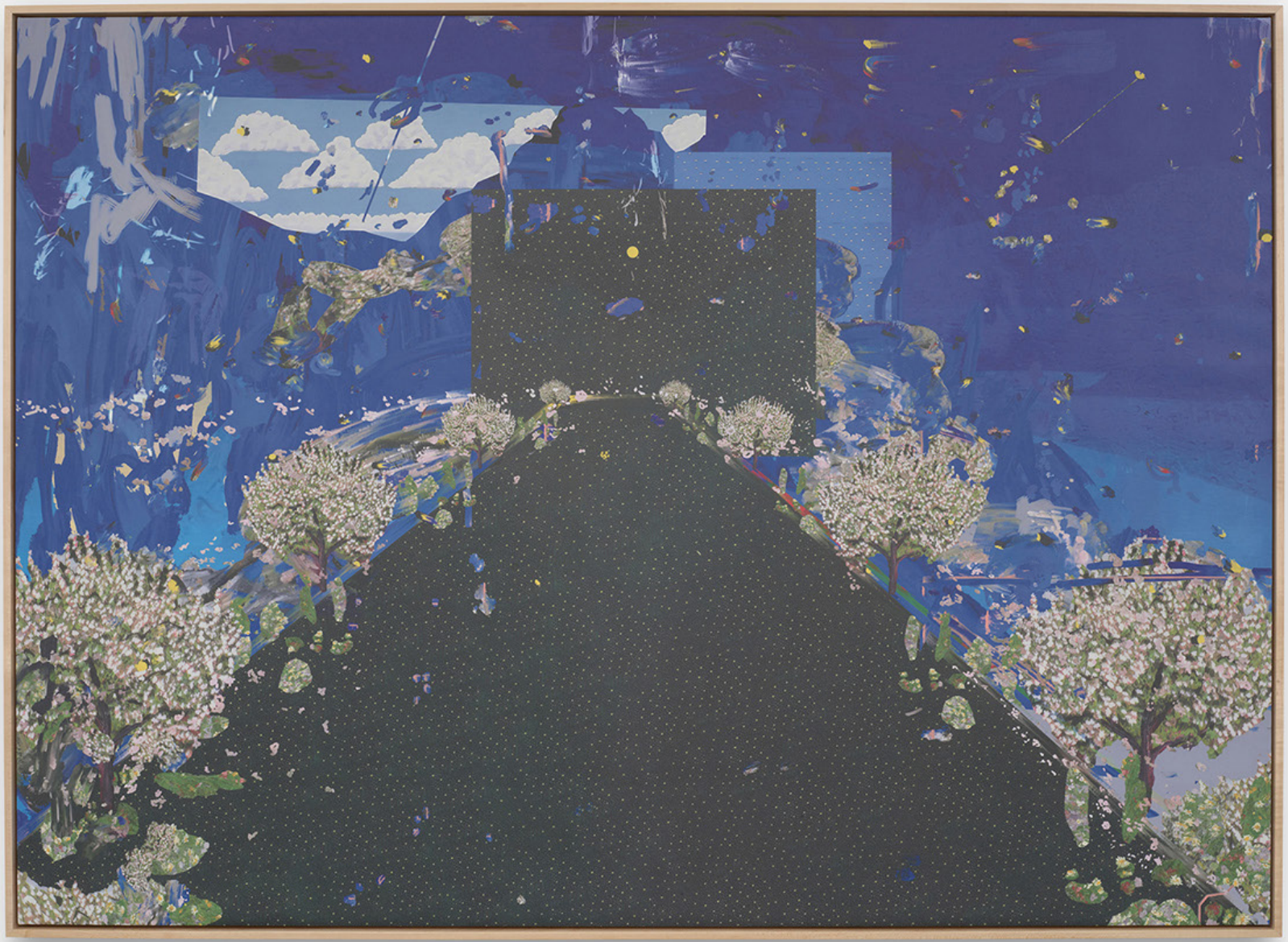
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SUNBURY_ALISO 17_residential_listing zoning_matrix.csv, 2026
Digital painting on canvas
76 x 100.99 x 2.54 cm







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COMPUSERVE_110036 dialup_session transcript_56k.log, 2026
Digital painting on canvas
149 x 108 x 2.54 cm



Petra Cortright
"York_st_168" address_label batch_print.ps, 2026
Digital painting on canvas
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Petra Cortright
POWER_MACINTOSH_6500 system_prole memory_map.bin, 2026
Digital painting on canvas
108 x 149 x 2.54 cm



Petra Cortright
"Mustang_1965" fastback_registry parts_catalog.pdf, 2026
Digital painting on canvas
149 x 108 x 2.54 cm









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"Alaskan_malamute_clubs" rescue_registry lineage_chart.svg, 2026
Digital painting on anodised aluminium
30 x 30 x 2.54 cm



Petra Cortright
THERMAL_SENSOR 53C94_NCR controller_patch rmware.rev, 2026
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DATASTREAM_SYNC 233_G3_specs cache_ush_sequence.tmp, 2026
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Petra Cortright
"Akron_ohio_airport" runway_index windspeed_log.kml, 2026
Digital painting on anodised aluminium
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Petra Cortright
MICROCONTROL_2901 slice_register timing_diagram.vhd, 2026
Digital painting on canvas
76 x 100.99 x 2.54 cm



Petra Cortright
ETHERNET_CROSSOVER 10_base_T link_status heartbeat.txt, 2026
Digital painting on canvas
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