



Maaike Anne Stevens
Almost Touching

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Image: acrylic paint on digital laser print, 90 x 1200 cm, 2014

The Gallery at Idea Store Whitechapel presents a solo exhibition of painting and sculpture by award-winning artist Maaike Anne Stevens.

The starting point for this new work was a sparked interest in the story of the Maltese oil tanker Erika which sank in heavy storms off the coast of Brittany on 12 December 1999, causing a major environmental disaster. An initial fascination with the online imagery of the last moments before her stern disappeared beneath the water surface spurred an investigation into Erika's identity and her bleak fate, to become a narrative of her imagined after-life at the bottom of the ocean where she remains up to the present day.