



Rain Over Water, 1974
acrylic on plywood,
96" x 132 1/4"

Paterson Ewen

RAIN

NICK JOHNSON

Photos: Henk Visser
Courtesy Carmen Lamanna Gallery

When I went to the Carmen Lamanna Gallery to see seven new paintings about weather by Paterson Ewen and looked them all over and settled on one big white grey one called Rain Over Water I thought about drawing and about landscape painting briefly and about rainy days and this or that rain. Then I knew it was rain and felt my feet on the ground. I thought a long time about this painting and the others, saw earlier paintings, had a very good time one evening with Ewen in his studio in London, Ontario, and always came back to rain going up down and sideways. Rain Over Water is a painting so heavy Ewen couldn't lift it without his son's help and so big that to work it with the wild machine called a router they put it down flat and he kneeled in the middle and couldn't see all of it at once and had just to think rain.