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Artist

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Artists Statement

The contemporary media world around us devours information and much of it, discarded and lost onto a conveyor belt of uncatalogued events and occurrences.

I make works which capture and document specific historical events as often undefined by the media, through composition and arrangement, to present an alternative angle of an editorial agenda.

Often the works contain allusions to irony, contradiction and absurdity, and carry a carefully scripted sense of cinematic departure for unfolding occurrences.

The 2009 *Black Paintings* are a series based on the contradictions of the cities, architecture and zeitgeists of our time.

Ultra modernism is beyond modernism, and extends past the remit of which 20th century modernism aimed to break from.

It contends and competes for space within the present day and bolts against the sophisticated and subversive power of the media, through power of it's slickness of composition, material and form.

Selected Shows

2010 The 76th Aberdeen Artists Society Show, Aberdeen
2009 The 183rd Royal Scottish Academy Annual Show, Edinburgh
2009 The Aspect Prize, Paisley Museum and Art Gallery
2009 The Rendezvous Gallery, Aberdeen
2009 The 75th Aberdeen Artists Society Show, Aberdeen
2007 'Decoupage Sculptures' Andy Awards, Skylight Studio, New York
2006 'Yellow Wall IV' Installation, Pier 60, New York
2005 'Ribbon Installazione' Atelier Studiovo, Rome
2005 'CasaCorpoCasa' Installation, School of Architecture of Rome
2005 The 71st Aberdeen Artists Society Show, Aberdeen
2003 The 69th Aberdeen Artists Society Show, Aberdeen
2002 'Flat Pack' Applied Arts Agency, London
1999 'New Acquisitions' Aberdeen City Art Gallery, Aberdeen

Awards

Royal Scottish Academy John Kinross Award

Education

BFA Painting, Grays School of Art, Aberdeen
Accademia di Belle Arti, Venice

Institutional Collections

Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh
Aberdeen City Art Gallery and Museums, Aberdeen
The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen
Paintings in Hospitals Trust, Edinburgh
Grampian Royal Hospitals, Aberdeen