

News Release from Milton Keynes Gallery

Inside Out: Investigating Drawing

Exhibiting artists: Jack Duplock, Laurence Elliott, Stephen Groom, Andrew Mania, Jamie Shovlin, Mari Sunna, Julie Verhoveven & Roxy Walsh

13 Dec – 25 Jan 2004

Admission free

Private View Fri 12 Sep 17.30 – 20.00

All press & media welcome

"I have identified a sense that drawing merits closer examination in contemporary British art by way of contrast to headline-grabbing, large-scale installations. I hope visitors to this show will enjoy engaging with the subtleties and varieties of these drawings and of their relationship to each other."

Stephen Snoddy, Director MK G

Inside Out has drawing as its focus. The selected artists, whilst all very different, share an interest in the human form or their work includes figurative elements. Much of the work has the quality of 'fragmented dreams', and explores the mental landscape of the artist's psyche. Some of it is mysterious, some autobiographical, some humorous or even nightmarish, and many create intriguing narratives for the viewer to explore personal visions and alternative ways of looking around the world. The appropriation of imagery from horror films, comics and memories of stories and places visited to create environments, is also inspiration for some works. The exhibition reveals how artists can use a combination of collage and non-art materials such as glitter and felt tip pens to create imagery with a low budget, but compelling aesthetic.

Andrew Mania has shown work at MK G, in Bloomberg New Contemporaries 2000, and Stephen Groom's work appeared in the Silbury Group's 10th Anniversary Exhibition. Jamie Shovlin and Laurence Elliot are included in Bloomberg New Contemporaries 2003 and Mari Sunna has exhibited widely both in the UK and abroad. Jack Duplock has a solo show this October at the Keith Talent Gallery, London and Julie Verhoeven and Roxy Walsh have both had solo shows at Mobile Home, London.

Related Events

In Conversation with Tony Godfrey

Wed 14 Jan | 19.30 | Tickets £5 (£3 concessions) to include a glass of wine
Don't miss this opportunity to hear Tony Godfrey, author and Director of Sotheby's Institute of Art discussing drawing and its place in contemporary art. Doors open at 19.00 for pre-talk viewing. [A limited number of complimentary press view tickets will be reserved for this event. Ring 01908 558 302 to reserve your place.]

Art for All: Free Exhibition Tour

Wed 17 Dec | 13.30-14.00 | Booking advisable but not essential
Join a member of MK G staff for an informal tour of the exhibition.

Listings Information

Inside Out: Investigating Drawing (13 Dec – 25 Jan 2004) at Milton Keynes Gallery, 900 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3QA. Tel: 01908 676 900.
Admission Free. Open Tues-Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun 11.00-17.00. Closed Mondays and for exhibition changeovers.

Press Information, Images & Interviews

For artist biographies, images or interview requests please contact Katharine Sorensen or Lorna Gemmell on 01908 558 302 or email l.gemmell@mk-g.org

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