

Ben Cook

Artist

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2001-2004 Research Fellow at MIRIAD Manchester Metropolitan University
1997-1998 M.A Fine Art Manchester Metropolitan University
1996-1997 P.G.C.E Manchester Metropolitan University
1986-1989 B.A Fine Art (Painting) University of Sunderland
1985-1986 Foundation Course Wakefield Technical College
1981-1985 Queen Elizabeth Grammar School Wakefield

Selected One Person Exhibitions

- 2008 Residency and exhibition at the Eden Project Cornwall
2007 'Landscape Paintings' Cornwall Contemporary Gallery Penzance
2006 'Landscape Paintings' Phoenix Gallery Exeter
2004 'Found Paintings' Margaret Harvey Gallery University of Herts.
2003 'Found Paintings' Pump House Gallery Battersea Park London
2002 'Found Paintings' The Lowry Salford Arts Council National Touring Programme
Curator-Emma Anderson
2001 'Found Paintings' West Park Museum Macclesfield
2000 'Finding Faults' The Whitworth Art Gallery Manchester.
Curator-Michael Simpson Publication-Roger Wilson
2000 'Found Paintings' The Mappin Art Gallery Sheffield
Curators-Charles Esche/Paul Nesbitt_Catalogue-Julie Milne
1995 'Laiking Out' Dean Clough Galleries Halifax
1994 'New Work' Castlefield Gallery Manchester
1993 'Painting' Chapman Gallery Salford

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2006 'One love: the football art Prize' The lowry Salford
2004 'Terrain—British Abstraction now' The Museum of Nonconformist Art St. Petersburg.
Curator-Rick Copsy
2004 'Boys Who Sew' Crafts Council Galleries London and tour.
Curator Janis Jefferies
2003 'Encounters-Artists and new media' Drumcroon Gallery Wigan
2003 'r + d' -Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art Sunderland
1999 'new contemporaries' Liverpool Biennial/South London Gallery
Curators-Carolyn Christov-Bakargiev/Susan Hiller/Keith Tyson
1999 'Departure Lounge' Mart Festival Manchester
1998 'in transit' Chelsea Arts Building New York City
1998 'Pebeo International Art Exhibition' Marseilles France
Curators-Dennis Oppenheim/Francois-Henri Debailleux
1996 'Pulse' Bluecoat Gallery Liverpool
1994 'Asturias International' Touring exhibition U.K./Spain
1993 'John Moores Exhibition 18' Walker Art Gallery Liverpool
1993 'EAST' Norwich Gallery Norfolk
1993 'R.O.S.L. London

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Curatorial Projects

Curator of the exhibitions 'Beyond the Endgame' at the Manchester Art Gallery 6 September–12 October 2003 and 'Documents' at Manchester Metropolitan University 30 September–10 October. Contributing author and editor for the accompanying publication.

Awards

- 2007 Grants for the arts individual major award from Arts Council England South West
- 2006 Third Prize in One Love the football art prize, the Lowry Salford
- 2006 Arts Council England South West award for development of new work
- 2002 Arts Council of England National Touring Programme award
- 2000 Arts Council of England Year of the Artist Residency award
- 1999 North West Arts Board Research and Development award
- 1999 North West Arts Board Exhibition publication award
- 1998 First Prize in Pebeo International Painting Competition
- 1993 The R.O.S.L Ernest Cassel Educational Trust prize

Collections

- The Arts Council of England Collection
- The Whitworth Art Gallery Manchester
- The Friends of Manchester Art Gallery loan collection
- The Atlas Collection Manchester
- Collection of James Moores Liverpool
- Urban Splash Manchester
- British Airways Collection
- The Museum of Nonconformist Art St Petersburg
- Many private collections

Commissions

- 2003 The Lime Tree Restaurant Didsbury Manchester
- 2001 The Rocco Forte Lowry Hotel Manchester
- 2000 British Airways Building Manchester
- 1999 The Whitworth Art Gallery Manchester

Teaching Experience

- 1999-2004 Manchester Metropolitan University B.A and M.A.

Publications and Catalogues

- 'Ben Cook Found Paintings' Lowry Press 2004 ISBN 1-902970-29-2
- 'Beyond the Endgame: Abstract Painting in Manchester' Manchester City Galleries 2003 ISBN 0-901673-633
- 'Ben Cook Found Paintings' Trice Publications 1999 ISBN 0-9531919-3-1
- 'Departure Lounge' Trice publications 1999 ISBN 0-9531919-2-3
- 'new contemporaries 99' new contemporaries publications- ISBN 0-9515556-8-5
- 'EAST' 1993 Norwich Gallery Publications ISBN 1872482-09-0
- 'John Moores Exhibition 18' ISBN 0-906367-66-2