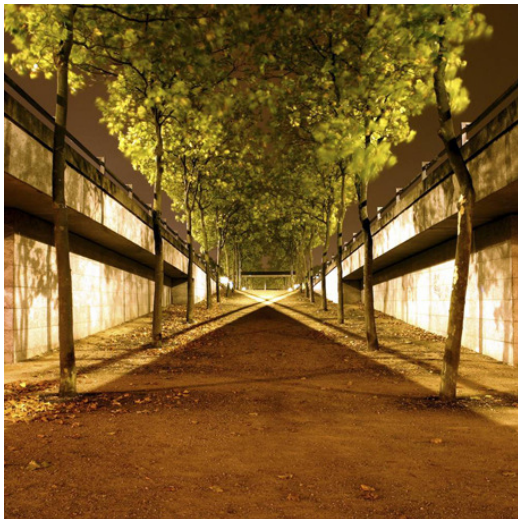


MK Gallery

News Release



Frazer Waller, *Modern Mean*, 2002
Photograph (detail)

New Art MK: Eight Artists from Milton Keynes

8 July – 18 Sept 2011
Preview 7 July
6pm until late

Admission free

This summer MK Gallery presents an exciting group exhibition by eight emerging artists from Milton Keynes who work in a range of media, including photography, drawing, painting and cross-stitching. All eight artists were shortlisted finalists in the MK Community Foundation's Arts Bursary Award 2010. The eight exhibiting artists are:

Jamie Chalmers (aka Mr X Stitch), brings the world of cross-stitch and embroidery to a whole new audience, aiming to "restore embroidery to its rightful position within the art world".

Caroline Devine uses the human voice as raw material for much of her work, layering sounds and exploring speech, song, text, oral history, memory and acoustic space.

Lauren Keeley's recent body of bold, expressive paintings explores surface and medium through the use of structures and systems alongside arbitrary aesthetic decisions that drive her painting process.

Jason Smith makes large-scale sculptural installations, sculptural drawings, print and poetry. His latest work made during his residency at Westbury Studios in Milton Keynes explores the theme of 'excavation', within systems and structures in our environment.

Stuart Southwell works with photography, using a clever balance of horror and humour, to create a fictional family, commenting on identities adopted within society along the way.

Kamil Szkopik (born in Poland) produces photographs of strangers that often play with conventions of identity, sexuality and society.

Frazer Waller has worked as a reportage photographer for extreme sport and music magazines but also produces his own series of photographs focusing on the creative exploration of social, cultural and personal issues.

Emma Wilde produces meticulously observed drawings which are rendered in pencil or paint often on cheap everyday materials like notebooks or newsprint.

Related Events

The exhibition will be accompanied by a related events programme, including talks, tours and workshops, Thursday Scratch Nights and Friday Night Films – including screenings of feature films selected by the exhibiting artists.

Limited Edition

An exclusive limited edition print by Emma Wilde will be available in MK Gallery's Shop.

Preview

Thursday 7 July from 6pm until late. All welcome. Speeches by MK Gallery's Director Anthony Spira and Caroline Collier, Director Tate National & Chair Arts Council England South East from 7pm, followed by a BBQ and a DJ. The preview includes a temporary installation by Jason Smith.

Notes to Editors

MK Gallery

MK Gallery, 900 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3QA.
Located in Theatre District, Milton Keynes, MK Gallery is one of the UK's leading public galleries, presenting a programme of international contemporary visual art.
Open Tuesday–Friday 12–8pm, Saturday 11am–8pm, Sunday 11am–5pm.
Admission free. www.mkgallery.org

MK Community Foundation

The MK Community Foundation is an independent grant-making charity working within Milton Keynes. Its Arts Bursary Award is designed to give an emerging artist the opportunity to further develop their artistic skills, or the freedom to concentrate on a new body of work.
www.mkcommunityfoundation.co.uk

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