

Milton Keynes Gallery

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Exhibition at Milton Keynes Gallery

Cathy Wilkes

16 April – 8 June 2008

Admission free

Exhibition supported by the Stanley Thomas Johnson Foundation and The Henry Moore Foundation. Artist's fee supported by The Elephant Trust.



Cathy Wilkes *Snowflake* (detail), 2007
Image courtesy the artist and The Modern Institute/TobyWebster, Glasgow.

Milton Keynes Gallery presents the most comprehensive exhibition in the UK by artist Cathy Wilkes. Born and raised in Belfast, Wilkes is one of a generation of artists who was educated in Glasgow and emerged at the forefront of British visual arts practice the mid 1990s. The exhibition, which comprises new and recent work, will be accompanied by an illustrated catalogue.

Wilkes's work is characterised by the creation of a slowly emerging, distinctively personal vocabulary of sculptures and paintings which she makes and re-makes in evolving assemblages and environments. Her processes are measured and refined, drawing on the most intimate of personal experiences to create a compelling autobiographical thread, coupled with a precise and liberated formal language. Wilkes confidently and unapologetically selects the most abject and awkward of domestic, everyday objects; a widescreen Sony television, a Maclaren's push chair or a jar of Bonne Mamam apricot preserve have all been incorporated in Wilkes' expansive installations.

Related Events

Talk Back

Cathy Wilkes: Saturday 26 April

11–11.30am

An informal discussion-based tour of the exhibition with members of the Gallery education team.

In Conversation

Wednesday 14 May, 7–8pm, Free

Artist and curator Jason Bowman will discuss Cathy Wilkes' work with Gill Perry, Professor and Head of Art History at The Open University.

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Milton Keynes Gallery presents a programme of international contemporary art, both on and offsite. Admission is free. Closed Mondays and for exhibition changeovers.

Gallery Open

Tuesday – Saturday 10am–5pm

Sundays 11am–5pm

Thursdays open late until 8pm

Directions

The Gallery is in the city centre beside Milton Keynes Theatre. For a map and directions contact the Gallery or visit our website at www.mk-g.org.

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