

News Release from Milton Keynes Gallery

New sculpture exhibition opens

Conversation

Sat 14 Oct – Sun 3 Dec

Admission free

Press View: Friday 13 Oct 16.00 – 18.00

Including tour by Director Stephen Snoddy at 17.00

Conversation is an intriguing exhibition of twenty-two figurative sculptures in a variety of media, mostly by well-known British contemporary artists, such as Tony Cragg, John Davies, Antony Gormley, Julian Opie and Marc Quinn, but it also includes some unexpected pieces, such as a 3rd century BC painted terracotta figure and a 20th century wooden Lobi Shrine Figure from Ghana.

Selected by MK G's Director Stephen Snoddy, the sculptures will be displayed in such a way as to invite visitors to see how the works might 'speak' to each other, and consider how to interpret the 'conversations' established between them. The arrangement or configuration of the sculptures is, therefore, just as important as the individual works, with the exhibition acting as one large tableau.

In what might be termed a game of 'musical statues', the sculptures will change positions at least once during the exhibition, to allow different conversations or readings to be found between the works. The gallery's free guided tours on Wednesdays and Sundays will be used to invite visitors to engage with the displays, by encouraging them to identify these possible 'conversations' for themselves.

The exhibition offers visitors the chance to see a selection of figurative sculpture by some of the country's best-known contemporary artists. It contributes to the discussion on the continuing development of figurative sculpture and offers the opportunity to consider such themes as private communication and human exchange, silence and darkness, life and death, the inner self and the outside reality. There is no catalogue for the exhibition but each work will be accompanied by an extended wall text.

Free Guided Tours

Sundays at 14.30 and Wednesdays at 13.15

Regular informal introductions to the current exhibition lasting c.20-30 mins. No need for individuals to pre-book.

The Saturday Art Trolley

Every Saturday between 11.00 and 13.00.

A variety of free art activities for visiting families, inspired by works in the current exhibition. Suitable for ages 3-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Exhibition List

Eric Bainbridge	'Madonna', 1995	bronze
Stephan Balkenhol	'Two Men Boxing', 2000	painted wawa wood
Jordan Baseman	'Pretty Baby', 1994	cotton, leather, plastic, hair
Reg Butler	'The Woman', 1957-8	bronze
Tony Cragg	'Policeman', 1981	plastic
John Davies	'Paramythas – Teller of Myths and Stories', 1999-2000	painted bronze
Alison Gill	'Talking Dead', 1994	plaster, hair, resin, eyes, clothing, refuse sack, gaffer tape, trunk
Steven Gontarski	'Adam expelled: The sounds of soul III', 2000	fibreglass and acrylic paint
Antony Gormley	'Flesh', 1990	concrete
Siobhán Hapaska	'Saint Christopher', 1995	wax, hair, cotton, oil, paint
Stephanie Marshall	'Adobe Dolls' 1999	cotton rag, adobe, urine, human hair, molasses, banana skins, finger/toe nails, pigment
Nicolas Moreton	'She waits on the rock in all our dreams' 1999	Portland & Kilkenny limestone
Julian Opie	'Amanda jumper skirt boots', 2000	vinyl and paint on aluminium
Marc Quinn	'No Visible Means of Escape X', 1997	RTV 75-60 and rope
Emma Rushton	'It was an exciting and adventurous city, but dangerous', 1996	rubber, fabric, perspex
Kiki Smith	'Seated Girl with Globe', 1999	papier mache
Kerry Stewart	'Sleeping Nun' 1995	plaster and enamel paint
Gavin Turk	'Cripple II', 1999	painted bronze
Gillian Wearing	'Dancing in Peckham', 1994	video
Boetian Terracotta	'Figure of a boy seated on rocks', 3 rd century BC	
Near Eastern Bronze	Male, c.1 st millennium BC	
Lobi Shrine Figure	20 th century, Ghana	wood

Exhibition Open

Tues – Sat 10.00-17.00 Sunday 12.00-17.00 Closed Mondays (except for pre-booked groups)

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Press View

Fri 13 Oct 14.00 – 16.00 Director Stephen Snoddy will give a tour of the exhibition at 17.00
Press and media are also welcome at the private view which follows from 18.00-20.00.
R.S.V.P. It would be helpful if press could let MK G know if they plan to attend using the contact details below.

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