

News Release from Milton Keynes Gallery

Sat 9 March – Sun 28 April

Dalziel + Scullion: Home

Admission free

A collaboration between MK G, The Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh and Manchester Art Gallery.

Press View Fri 8 March 17.00-18.00 Private View 18.00-20.00

'Home' is an exhibition devoted to the work of Scottish artists Dalziel + Scullion. It features a body of new work recently commissioned by The Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh, and includes video projections, large-scale sculptural pieces and photographic works. It will occupy all three of MK G's elegant gallery spaces.

Dalziel + Scullion's art presents a rediscovery of landscape, both as a visual theme and as a means of reflecting on fundamental ideas about the world we live in today. At the heart of their work is a fascination with time-scales, such as the vast gap that exists between the limit of a human life-span and the incomprehensible span of geological processes and creation. The majority of their work to date has featured the north east of Scotland, but many of the new pieces are set against the backdrop of the magnificent glacial landscape of northern Scandinavia.

Speaking of their work the artists say, *"Over the last three years we have made a series of trips to Norway, in particular to the area south east of the enormous Jostedalsglacier. There we found landscapes that were reminiscent of places in Scotland, however the act of creation was still very active in these valleys. The vast presence of the glacier was everywhere – its physical form as immense as a city, but vulnerable to the vagaries of a few degrees of temperature change. Its energy was grindingly slow, yet powerful enough to wrench apart mountains. It seemed to be at odds with the speed and transience of our modern lives, but at the same time it acts as a metaphor of our own conscious life, of our own capabilities for change and renewal."*

In the book which accompanies the exhibition Keith Hartley observes *"..., ultimately, the general tenor of their work is one of an informed and guarded optimism. If we can only learn to use modern technology to get closer to understanding Nature, there is hope for humanity. Dalziel and Scullion's work provides highly poetic and resonant metaphors for that closer relationship."*

Matthew Dalziel + Louise Scullion trained in Dundee and Glasgow respectively, and have worked together since 1993. They have exhibited both in the UK and abroad, including Glasgow, Edinburgh, Bristol, Rome, Melbourne and Tokyo. 'Home' was first seen at the Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh and will be shown at Manchester Art Gallery from Dec 2002 – Feb 2003. It is funded by the Henry Moore Foundation and

the National Touring Programme through the Arts Council of England and Dalziel + Scullion were assisted by a Scottish Arts Council Visual Artists' Award.

Book

'*Dalziel + Scullion: Home*' documents the artists' collaborative work from 1993 to the present. 96 pages, fully illustrated throughout, with texts by Keith Hartley, Judith Findlay and David Ward. Published by The Fruitmarket Gallery and supported by the Scottish Arts Council. Price £14.95. Special price at the exhibition £12.

Related Events

MK G supports all its exhibitions with a varied events programme, designed for all age ranges. Many events are free, or offered at a nominal cost.

Sundays at 14.30 and Wednesdays at 13.15

Art for All – Free Guided Tours (approx..20 mins)

These informal introductions to the exhibition given by MK G staff and others are equally suited to newcomers to contemporary art and regular gallery visitors.

Saturdays between 11.00-13.00

The Saturday Art Trolley – Regular free art activities for children

These informal, drop-in sessions for children ages 4-12 enable them to explore the exhibition through a variety of prepared art activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tues 26 Mar 10.00-15.00 £10

Picture the Place – Childrens Workshop

A photography workshop for 8-12 year olds using a digital camera to explore the local landscape.

Wed 27 Mar 10.00-12.00 or 13.00-15.00 £4 per session

Wall Hangings – Childrens Workshop

A fun workshops for 5-7 year olds to design and create a textile wall hanging based on what they like about Milton Keynes.

Public Talk

It is also hoped that a public talk will be arranged on the theme of landscape in art. For details nearer the time ring the Information Desk on 01908 676 900.

Opening Hours / Address

Tues – Sat 10.00-17.00 Sundays 11.00-17.00

Mondays Closed except for pre-booked groups

MK G is at 900 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3QA in the city centre, beside Milton Keynes Theatre. Recorded information on 01908 558 307.

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