

## News Release from Milton Keynes Gallery

16 June 2000 – For immediate release

Director Stephen Snoddy welcomes launch of  
**Bloomberg New Contemporaries 2000** exhibition  
at Milton Keynes Gallery

The prestigious annual New Contemporaries exhibition opens at Milton Keynes Gallery tomorrow on Saturday 17 June.

The exhibition, which is sponsored this year by Bloomberg, shows the work of thirty-three artists, selected by Time Out critic Sarah Kent, artist Gavin Turk, and independent curator Jeremy Millar, chosen from an original submission of over 1200 entries. It subsequently tours to Manchester and Edinburgh.

Welcoming the exhibition at Milton Keynes Gallery, Director Stephen Snoddy said today:

***'I am delighted that MK G is the launch venue for the Bloomberg New Contemporaries 2000 exhibition. MK G is committed to bringing new audiences to new art. This exhibition offers the people of MK and the region the ideal opportunity to experience stimulating new work in a variety of media by some of the most promising artists currently emerging from fine art courses in the UK – without having to travel far.'***

He went on to add,

***'Dealers, collectors, critics, curators and visitors enjoy coming to New Contemporaries exhibitions each year to talent spot possible art stars of the future. As the only venue for the exhibition in the South of England this year we expect to attract many visitors to MK from London and beyond.'***

First established in 1949, (when it was known as Young Contemporaries), previous exhibitors have included many of the UK's most prominent artists, such as David Hockney, Patrick Caulfield, and Turner Prize winners Damien Hirst, Gillian Wearing and Chris Ofili.

/....

Page 2 of 2

### **Catalogue**

Available for sale from the Gallery Information Desk  
Softback, 96 pages, full colour throughout  
£10 mail order + £1 p&p.  
£7.50 special price at the exhibition.

### **Free Exhibition Guide**

A free short introduction to the exhibition is available to gallery visitors.

## **RELATED EVENTS**

### **Public Debate**

Tuesday 20 June in the exhibition at 19.00.

In **Head to Head: The State of Art Schools Today & Tomorrow**, Michael Corris, Head of Fine art at University College Northampton and Dave Lee, recent Editor of Art Review magazine, lead the debate on why and how art should be taught at degree level. Free but places limited. Bookings on 01908 676 900.

### **Free Guided Tours**

Sundays at 14.30 and Wednesdays at 13.15  
The tour on Sunday 9 July will be British Sign Language interpreted.  
c. 20-30 mins. No pre-booking required.

### **The Saturday Art Trolley**

Every Saturday (except 17 June) between 11.00 and 13.00.  
A variety of art activities in the exhibition for accompanied children ages 3-12.  
Free. No booking required.

**Admission to MK G is FREE.**

### **Exhibition Open**

Tues – Sat 11.00 – 18.00; Sun 12.00 – 17.00; Closed Mondays

### **Address**

Milton Keynes Gallery, 900 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 3QA  
MK G is located in the city centre next to MK Theatre at the Campbell Park end of Midsummer Boulevard.

### **Contact details**

Tel: 01908 676 900 Recorded Info: 01908 558 308  
Website: [www.mktgc.co.uk](http://www.mktgc.co.uk) Email: [mkgallery@mktgc.co.uk](mailto:mkgallery@mktgc.co.uk)

**Press Enquiries to Katharine Sorensen on Direct Line: 01908 558 302.**

**ENDS**