

Kate MccGwire (RCA)

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Lives and works in London

Born 1964

Kate MccGwire is an internationally renowned British sculptor whose practice probes the beauty inherent in duality, employing natural materials to explore the play of opposites at an aesthetic, intellectual and visceral level. Growing up on the Norfolk Broads her connection with nature and fascination with birds was nurtured from an early age, with avian subjects and materials a recurring theme in her artwork. Since graduating from the Royal College of Art in 2004 her uncanny sculptures have been exhibited at the Museum of Art and Design (New York), the Saatchi Gallery (London), the Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature (Paris) and recently at Glasstress, an official collateral event of the Venice Biennale.

Awards

2018 Winner of The Royal Academy of Arts, Jack Goldhill Award for Sculpture,

2013 Judge of the Aesthetica Art Prize

2013 Inaugural member of the Perrier-Jouët Art Salon

2008 Winner of the 'Heart of Glass' Award

Exhibitions 2018

IN DREAMS, Chiostro del Bramante, Rome, Italy

DICHOTOMY: Kate MccGwire, The Harley Gallery, Welbeck, Nottinghamshire, UK

SASSE/SLUICE: Kate MccGwire, commission for the Aldeburgh Festival, Snape Maltings, Suffolk, UK

250th SUMMER EXHIBITION, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK

WITHOUT A LABEL I FEEL FREER, The Reydan Weiss Collection, Herzog Anton Ulrich Museum, Germany

M2@15, APT Gallery, Deptford, UK

MATERIAL EARTH: Myth, Material and Metamorphosis, Messums Wiltshire, UK

Exhibitions 2017

DOING IDENTITY: The Reydan Weiss Collection, Kunstmuseum Bochum, Germany

ICONOCLASTS: ART OUT OF THE MAINSTREAM, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK

PROOF OF LIFE, The Weserburg, Bremen, Germany

ERWARTEN SIE WUNDER! The Museum as Cabinet of Curiosity and Wunderkammer, Museum Ulm, Germany

ENTANGLED: Threads & Making, Turner Contemporary, Margate, Kent, UK

GLASSTRESS BOCA RATON, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Florida, USA

THE HIGH LOW SHOW, curated by Paul Carey-Kent, Laure Genillard, London, UK

FORCE OF NATURE, curated by James Putnam, The Art Pavilion, Mile End, UK

Aloys Zötl & Kate MccGwire: Bestiarien der eigenen Art, Galerie Haas AG Zürich, Switzerland

Exhibitions 2016

SECRETE: Kate MccGwire, Galerie Huit, Hong Kong

SCISSURE: Kate MccGwire, La Galerie Particulière, Paris, France

CREATIVE DIFFERENCES: Dyslexia and Neurodiversity in Science, Art and Design, Royal College of Art, London

I PREFER LIFE: The Reydan Weiss Collection, Weserburg, Bremen, Germany

GLASSFEVER: Contemporary Art in Glass, DordtYart, Dordrecht Museum, Dordrecht, Netherlands

FORCE OF NATURE, curated by James Putnam, Gallery Valérie Bach, Brussels, Belgium

RARE BIRD: John James Audubon and Contemporary Art, Berman Museum of Art, Pennsylvania, USA

Exhibitions 2015

GLASSTRESS 2015 GOTIKA, An official collateral event of the 56th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

THE COLLECTIVE, The Drawing Room, The House of St Barnabas, London, UK

COMPLICIT: Juliette Losq, Kate MccGwire, Jayne Anita Smith, Curated by Coates & Scarry, London, UK

PETER RANDALL-PAGE & KATE MccGWIRE, Royal West of England Academy (RWA), Bristol, UK

SECRETE: KATE MccGWIRE, Galerie Michael Haas, Berlin, Germany

BEAUTY OF THE BEAST, Museum Arnhem, Arnhem, Holland

Exhibitions 2014

AKRAM KHAN: ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER, The Lowry, Manchester, UK

FROWARD, The Drawing Schools Gallery, Eton College, Windsor, UK

DISQUIET BEAUTY, Rochester Art Gallery, Rochester, UK

COVERT: KATE MccGWIRE, Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature, Paris, France

FIAC Hors Les Murs, Natural History Museum, Paris, France

REAL MARAVILLOSO, La Galerie Particulière, Brussels, Belgium

HUNTING FOR LOST CRAFTS, Inverness Museum and Art Gallery, UK

COASTAL CURRENTS FESTIVAL, St Mary the Castle, Hastings, UK

THE WONDER OF BIRDS, Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery, UK

THE TOURISTS, Felbrigg Hall, National Trust, UK

ART AND ALCHEMY, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf, Germany

LURE: KATE MccGWIRE, The Beaney, House of Art & Knowledge, Canterbury, UK

BIRDS OF PARADISE, MoMu, Antwerp, Belgium

Exhibitions 2013

THE VIEWING ROOM, No. 1 Marylebone, Curated by All Visual Arts, London, UK

OPEN WEST 2013, Cheltenham Art Gallery + Museum, UK

DISQUIET: KATE MccGWIRE, Le Royal Monceau, Raffles, / La Galerie Particulière, Paris, France

LURE: KATE MccGWIRE, Cheongju International Craft Biennale 2013, South Korea

IN BETWEEN - INNER AND OUTER WALKSCAPES, Gaasbeek Castle, Belgium

OPEN WEST 2013, Newark Park, National Trust, UK

LURE: KATE MccGWIRE, The Gallery, Winchester Discovery Centre, UK

IN DREAMS, Cob Gallery, London, UK

SHOWcabinet, SHOWstudio, London, UK

Exhibitions 2012

WONDERFUL: Humboldt, Krokodil & Polke, me Collectors Room, Berlin, Germany

LURE: KATE MccGWIRE, All Visual Arts, London, UK

AUGURI: KATE MccGWIRE, La Galerie Particulière, Paris, France

METAMORPHOSIS: THE TRANSFORMATION OF BEING, Curated by All Visual Arts, London, UK

NUIT BLANCHE 2012, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France

SCULPTOR'S DRAWINGS, Pangolin Gallery, Kings Place, London, UK

UNNATURAL - NATURAL HISTORY Royal West of England Academy, Curated by Coates & Scarry. Bristol, UK

EVERYWHERE AND NOWHERE, The Reydan Weiss Collection, Oberstdorf, Germany

ONE ROOM, THREE GLOBAL NAMES, St Martins Lane Hotel, Curated by Crane TV, London, UK

MEMORIES OF THE FUTURE, Thomas Olbricht Collection, Maison Rouge, Paris, France

Exhibitions 2011

ELEVENTH PLATEAU Archaeological Association of Athens, Greece

NOW & THEN Harris Lindsay, London, UK

HOUSE OF BEASTS, Attingham Park, National Trust, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, UK

ELEVENTH PLATEAU Hydra Historical Archives Museum, Greece

BOUND: Kate MccGwire & Alice Anderson All Visual Arts, London

HOST: KATE MccGWIRE, Pertwee, Anderson & Gold, London, UK

Exhibitions 2010

VANITAS: The Transience of Earthly Pleasures, Curated by All Visual Arts, London, UK

STRANGENESS AND CHARM Viktor Wynd Gallery, Curated by Richard Ducker, London, UK

TATTON PARK BIENNIAL Curated by Danielle Arnaud/ Jordan Kaplan, Cheshire, UK

CONCRETE AND GLASS: KATE MccGWIRE, Curated by Flora Fairbairn & Paul Hitchman London, UK

DEAD OR ALIVE Museum of Art & Design, Curated by David R McFadden, New York, USA

Exhibitions 2009

THE AGE OF THE MARVELLOUS, No. 1 Marylebone, Curated by Joe La Placa, All Visual Arts, London, UK

TUNNEL 228 Waterloo Station. Curated by Hamish Jenkinson / Kevin Spacey in conjunction with Punch Drunk

THE SPACE BETWEEN St Pancras Crypt, Curated by Marilene Oliver & Kate MccGwire, London, UK

THE ANIMAL GAZE Plymouth Museum, Curated by Rosemarie McGoldrick, Plymouth, UK

GOTHIC Contemporary Art Society Exhibition, Shunt Vaults and Sotheby's, London, UK

NEW LONDON SCHOOL IN BERLIN, Galerie Schuster, Curated by Zavier Ellis, Berlin, Germany

Exhibitions 2008

SOOT FROM THE FUNNEL LOKAAL01, Curated by Richard Ducker and Frederik Vergaert, Breda, Holland

THE ANIMAL GAZE Unit 2 Gallery and Metropolitan Works, Curated by Rosemarie McGoldrick, London, UK

HEART OF GLASS Shoreditch Town Hall, Curated by Flora Fairbairn and Paul Hitchman, London, UK

THIS IS NOT A FAIRY TALE Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London, UK

THE FUTURE CAN WAIT T1 The Old Truman Brewery, Curated by Zavier Ellis and Simon Rumley, London, UK

ART OMI International Artists Residency New York, USA

ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER EXHIBITION RA, London, UK

GOTHIC Fieldgate Gallery, Curated by Richard Ducker, London, UK

Exhibitions 2000 - 2007

TDUNKELHEIT St Pancras Crypt, Flora Fairbairn Projects, Curated by Annabelle Moreau, London, UK

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS Building 1000, Royal Albert Docks, Curated by ARTed, London, UK

HIS AND THAT: Kate MccGwire & Susan Stockwell, Shenghua Art Centre, Nanjing, China

ALL AT SEA: KATE MccGWIRE, Platts Eyot Island, London, UK

PECULIAR ENCOUNTERS ecArtspace, Curated by Sarah Dwyer and Laura Green, London, UK

SEIGE Sidney Street, Curated by Angela Huntbach, London, UK

PARTERRE: KATE MccGWIRE, Atrium Gallery, London, UK

ISSUE: KATE MccGWIRE, M2 Gallery, London, UK

GALLEON AND OTHER STORIES Saatchi Gallery, London, UK

DEGREE SHOW Royal College of Art, London, UK

TIME SHARE Trinity Buoy Wharf & South Bank Barge House, London, UK

HUNTING ART PRIZE Royal College of Art, London, UK

SELECT Hockey Gallery, Farnham, UK

Education

- 2004 MA Sculpture - Royal College of Art
Awarded Distinction for 'Hair's-Breadth' Dissertation on the use of hair in contemporary art practice
Short-listed for Deutsche Bank Pyramid Award
- 2001 BA Fine Art - University College for the Creative Arts, Farnham
1st-class honours

Residencies

- 2008 Art Omi International Artists Residency, New York
- 2006 Shenghua Art Centre, Nanjing, China

Art Fairs

- 2015 Art Central (Hong Kong)
- 2014 FIAC (France), Art Paris (France), Art Rotterdam (Netherlands), Art14 (UK)
- 2012 London Art Fair (UK), Art Paris (France)
- 2010 Art Moscow (Russia), Korea International Art Fair (South Korea)
- 2008 Miami Pulse (USA)
- 2007 Toronto International Art Fair (Canada), Art Chicago (USA)

Collections

Saatchi Collection

Thomas Olbricht collection

Reydan Weiss Collection

Shenghua Art Centre, Nanjing, China

University College for the Creative Arts

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Art Omi collection

Hampshire County Council collection

Various private collections in UK, Middle East and USA