



Humphrey Ocean RA

BIOGRAPHY

- 1951 Born in Sussex
1967-73 Tunbridge Wells, Brighton and Canterbury Art Schools
1971-73 Bass player, Kilburn and the Highroads
1985-98 Artistic Records Committee, Imperial War Museum
2002 Honorary Fellowship, KIAD
Artist-in-Residence, Dulwich Picture Gallery, London
2004 Elected Royal Academician
2009 *Life Class: Today's Nude* directed by Alan Kane in association with Artangel and Channel 4, broadcast 7 July
2012 Honorary Doctorate, Canterbury Christ Church University
Appointed Professor of Perspective, Royal Academy of Arts

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 1984 National Portrait Gallery, London
1986-87 *Humphrey Ocean* Ferens Art Gallery; Hull; Usher Gallery, Lincoln; Talbot Rice Art Centre, Edinburgh
South Hill Park, Bracknell; Camden Arts Centre, London; Ramsgate Library Gallery
1991-92 *Double Portrait*, A Painting of two film-makers and their simultaneous Film-Portrait of the painter
Humphrey Ocean with Belinda Parsons and John Tchalenko Dulwich Picture Gallery, London
Tate Gallery, Liverpool
Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester
National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, Bradford
Whitechapel Art Gallery, London; Castle Museum, Norwich
1997-98 *urbasuburba*, Humphrey Ocean and Jock McFadyen Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester
Ormeau Baths Gallery, Belfast
Kapil Jariwala Gallery, London
1999 *The Painter's Eye* Humphrey Ocean and John Tchalenko, National Portrait Gallery, London
2003 *how's my driving*, Dulwich Picture Gallery, London
2009 *Humphrey Ocean: Perfectly Ordinary*, Sidney Cooper Gallery, Canterbury Christ Church University
2011 *Here and There*, Jesus College, Cambridge
2012 *Now and Then*, Sidney Cooper Gallery, Canterbury Christ Church University
2012-13 *A handbook of modern life*, National Portrait Gallery, London

PRIZES AND AWARDS

- 1982 Winner of the Imperial Tobacco Portrait Award, National Portrait Gallery
1998-99 Wellcome Trust Sci-Art Award for a project with John Tchalenko on 'The Painter's Eye Movement' in
collaboration with Stanford and Oxford

COMMISSIONS

- 1983-96 Philip Larkin, Paul McCartney, A.J. Ayer, Lord Whitelaw, Tony Benn for National Portrait Gallery, London
1988-92 Danny McGrain, Ralph Glasser for Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh
1989 Graham Greene for the Royal Library, Windsor Castle
1999 'The First of England', a contemporary art commission for the opening of Neptune Court, National Maritime
Museum, Greenwich
2000 MBZ Bruges-Zeebrugge Port Authority, Belgium
2003 Christchurch College, Oxford
2006 Goldsmiths College, University of London
2014 New commission for National Portrait Gallery, London

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SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1982 *The South Bank Show*, South London Art Gallery, London
- 1986 *Das Automobil in der Kunst 1886-1986*, Haus der Kunst, Munich
- 1989 *Picturing People 1945-1989*, British Council touring Far East
- 1996 *Die Kraft der Bilder*, Martin Gropius Bau, Berlin
British Council, Treasures from The National Portrait Gallery, London
 Koriyama City Museum of Art, Fukushima
 Matsuzakaya Art Museum, Nagoya
 Kitakyushu Municipal Museum of Art
 Hiroshima Museum of Art; Daimaru Museum, Tokyo
- 2000-01 *Painting The Century*, National Portrait Gallery, London
Best of British, Australian National Portrait Gallery, Canberra
- 2001 *Royal Academy Summer Exhibition*, Large Weston Room curated by Peter Blake
 Portrait of Paul McCartney (NPG) by Humphrey Ocean shown with Portrait of Winifred Radford (NPG) by Meredith Frampton, Millennium Gallery, Sheffield
- 2002-03 *Royal Treasures: A Golden Jubilee Celebration*, The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, London
- 2003-04 *The Art of Reinvention*, Hotbath Gallery, Bath
- 2004-06 *How Do You Look*, Humphrey Ocean collaboration with John Tchalenko Dulwich Picture Gallery, London
 Yard Gallery, Nottingham; County Gallery, Maidstone
 Ferens Art Gallery, Hull; Thackray Medical Museum, Leeds
 Hunterian Gallery, Royal College of Surgeons, London
- 2006 *Icons and Idols: Commissioning Contemporary Portraits*, National Portrait Gallery, London
 York City Art Gallery
- 2008 *Royal Academy Summer Exhibition*, curated Gallery 4
Changing Rooms, curated by Group Show, 38 Shakespeare Road, Brixton, London
- 2010 *Krikey! Kentemporary Prints*, Jarman Studio, University of Kent
- 2011 *A Life in Art: Monika Kinley*, Plymouth Arts Centre
Works Printed by Maurice Payne, Pace Prints, New York
- 2012 *Courtship of the Peoples*, Simon Oldfield, London
- 2013-14 *Gifted: From the Royal Academy to The Queen*, The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace
- 2014 *Ship to Shore: Art and the Lure of the Sea*, John Hansard Gallery and SeaCity Museum, Southampton

COLLECTIONS

British Council; Bruges-Zeebrugge Port Authority; Christchurch College, Oxford; Ferens Art Gallery, Hull; Imperial War Museum, London; Magdalen College, Oxford; National Maritime Museum, Greenwich; National Portrait Gallery, London; Pallant House Gallery, Chichester; Royal Library, Windsor Castle; Royal Society of Chemistry, London; St John's College, Cambridge; Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh; South London Gallery Collection, London; University of Birmingham; Victoria and Albert Museum, London; Wellcome Trust, London; Wolverhampton Art Gallery; The Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester