

JACK DUNNETT

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BIOGRAPHY | Jack Dunnett creates scenes of a world which is not detached from our own, but rooted in the human experience of it -- scenes of places which are other-worldly, yet have essences of familiarity and shared involvement. Narratives which forever remain unclear yet profess that there is a story to be told.

Dunnett uses figures to place the human in context, allowing his characters to live in the paintings without firm footing, perpetually aware of their alienation in their ambiguous environment, but never becoming distressed about their inability to leave.

Along with figures from films Dunnett uses imagery from his own photography -- either photos taken as a child or from his current visual documentation of images of interest. He also occasionally capture scenes in the form of videos, and uses stills from these scenes to inform his work.

The paintings themselves are physically made up of carefully considered colour, and chemical/building materials which change the paint in some way. He uses traditional painting materials and techniques alongside those chemicals, to create a tension between the formal and the uncontrollable, and to allow chemical reactions to take place on the canvas which can then be controlled or worked with.

EDUCATION | Gray's School of Art, *BA with First Class Honours in Painting*

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019
Metanoia, Arusha Gallery, Edinburgh
London Art Fair 2019, Arusha Gallery, London

2017
Ouroboros, Aberdeen Art Centre, Aberdeen

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020
Resonant Strangeness, Marram Arts, online
Reaching Out, SCA, online
FLOW, Visual Arts Scotland, online

2019
SSA ± VAS Open, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh
Winter Exhibition, Gallery Heinzl, Aberdeen
Open Contemporary Young Artist Award Exhibition, Biscuit Factory, Newcastle
London Art Fair, Arusha Gallery, London

2018
Ed Burkes, Tomo Campbell, Michael Aurel, Jack Dunnett, Arusha Gallery, Edinburgh
L.A. Summer, Arusha Gallery, Edinburgh

2017
RSA New Contemporaries, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh
New Faces, Gallery Heinzl, Aberdeen
Best of Degree Show, Six Foot Gallery, Glasgow
82nd Annual Exhibition of Caithness Artists
RSA Open Exhibition, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh
Gray's Degree Show
Gray's Painters Interim Show, St. Margaret's House, Edinburgh
Whatever Sticks, Kuku Klubi, Tallinn

2016

Fly, Visual Arts Scotland, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh

Intranaut, Rosemount Centre, Aberdeen

Stuffed Gallery, Newave Gallery, Aberdeen

Rapid, Gray's School of Art, AU Galerie, Vienna

2014

79th Annual Exhibition of Caithness Artists

2012

Caithness Horizons, Exhibition of student work

AWARDS**2018**

RSA David & June Gordon Memorial Trust Award

2017

RSA Keith Prize – Best Work from a Student at a Scottish Art School

RSA: New Contemporaries Selected Artist

ACT Aberdeen Graduate Award

2016

ENGIE E&P UK Ltd Scholarship and Purchase Prize