

METRO-LAND

A group exhibition of recent works by 53 artists
Curated by Flora Fairbairn and Rowena Chiu

Exhibition Dates: Sunday 17th May – Saturday 30th May 2009

Opening Times: Wednesdays – Sundays 12 – 6. 30pm and by appointment

Flora Fairbairn Projects is pleased to present a group show of new works by 53 cutting-edge artists at Merriscourt Farm, Oxfordshire. This exhibition is the second in a series, which began with an exhibition that launched in London in December 2008. The artists in the exhibition have been selected from a wide network of contemporary, London-based artists that Flora Fairbairn Projects has worked with over the last 8 years as well as recent graduates from art schools in the city, with the works reframed in a new rural context.

Artists include Ian Monroe who came to public attention in 2003 when the Saatchi Gallery featured a large-scale work from the artist's MA show and whose work was included in *Edge of the Real* (2004), a group painting show at the *Whitechapel Gallery* and in a group show in Berlin, at *Upstairs Berlin Gallery in 2005*; Ryan Mosley who has had a solo show at *Alison Jacques Gallery* and *Engholm Engelhorn*, Vienna and will be in this year's *Jerwood Contemporary Painters Prize*; Nicholas Byrne who has had a solo show at *Studio Voltaire* and has exhibited in London, Paris and New York; Anna Boggon who has had solo shows at *Studio 1.1* and *Laura Bartlett Gallery*; Henry Krokatsis who has exhibited in New York, Brazil, Copenhagen and London and exhibited last year's *Reconstruction* at Sudeley Castle; Katarina Forss whose paintings were selected for the *Bloomberg New Contemporaries* in 2008; Liane Lang whose work was selected for *Bloomberg ArtFutures 2007*; Whitney McVeigh who is one of Saatchi Online's leading artists and has exhibited works in London, New York, Miami, China and Mexico; Sarah Douglas whose work was selected for the *Jerwood Drawing Prize* in 2007 and short-listed for the *Deutsche Bank Pyramid Awards* in 2005; Robin Derrick who also works as the Creative Director of *Vogue* and who recently had a solo show, 'Cut Flowers', in an old train depot in Battersea, Iranian born Anahita Rezvani who had a recent solo show in *Lullin + Ferrari, Zurich* and Nicola Williams who was selected out of over 1,000 recent graduates to be at the inaugural *Anticipation* exhibition at the *David Roberts Foundation* in 2007.

ARTISTS:

PAUL ARCHARD	AMY ISON
KATE ATKIN	DANIEL JACOBS
NOJ BARKER	HENRY JOHN
CLARISSA BERNING	GERRY JUDAH
TIM BETJEMAN	HENRY KROKATSIS
ANNA BOGGON	LIANE LANG
SAM BRANTON	BILL LOVELADY
CHRISTOPHER BROOKS	ENDELLION LYCETT GREEN
NICHOLAS BYRNE	GINA MARCOU
NETTA CAREY	SIOBHAN MCDONALD
SAM CHAMBERLAIN	LUCY MCMILLAN-SCOTT
STEWART CLIFF	WHITNEY MCVEIGH
JAMES COOPER	ANDREA MEDJESI-JONES
ROBIN DERRICK	AMY MOFFAT
MARCO DI CHIARA	IAN MONROE
AIDAN DOHERTY	LUCY MOORE
SARAH DOUGLAS	RYAN MOSLEY
KATARINA FORSS	ORLANDO MOSTYN OWEN
PAUL FREUD	NEIL PORTER
FRANCIS FRY	EMMA PUNTIS
TONY GILL	ANAHITA REZVANI
CATHERINE GOODMAN	ANDREW ROSE
BRADLEY GRIEVSON	SABRINA ROWAN HAMILTON
GEOFFREY GRINLING	NIKOLA SAVIC
ZEBEDEE HELM	JASON SHULMAN
THOMAS HYLANDER	KARIN TRENKEL
	NICOLA WILLIAMS

Notes to Editors:

- Flora Fairbairn has been curating contemporary art exhibitions in temporary spaces since 2000. These have ranged from the top of Erno Goldfinger's Trellick Tower in West London and a disused abattoir in Clerkenwell to the derelict basement of Shoreditch Town Hall and the Sir John Soane Dining Room at Port Eliot in Cornwall. Rowena Chiu has been working as a Curator at Flora Fairbairn Projects since 2007.
- Merriscourt Farm, owned by Tom and Clarissa Astor, was built in the early 19th Century and has been under a long-term re-development plan since January 2001, having previously been a pig farm. Merriscourt is available for all types of events, ranging from album launches, film nights, corporate and private lunches, parties, film and stills locations and exhibitions and weddings. For details on how to book the venue please contact Carolyn@merriscourt.com. Having been home to a gallery some years ago, this inaugural exhibition marks the farm's transformation into a new destination-location for contemporary art.
- Flora Fairbairn will be joining the new Josh Lilley Gallery as an Associate Director from May – www.joshlilleygallery.com. The gallery will be opening in Fitzrovia on the 14th May 2009 with a group show called 'Daily Miracles'.
- Merriscourt, Sarsden, Nr. Chipping Norton, OX7 6QX
(Merriscourt is situated 1 mile from Kingham Railway Station – transport to/from station can be arranged)

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