

Owain Hunt

Owain Hunt (*b. 1994, Bristol*) is a contemporary British artist that lives and works in Bristol, UK approaches portraiture as a vehicle for exploring human connection and temporal experience. His practice centres on sustained observational painting sessions that transform traditional portraiture into shared experiences of presence and contemplation. His subjects emerge from a diverse network of personal relationships, including family members, longstanding friends, and carefully selected new acquaintances.

Hunt's methodological approach emphasises direct observation, creating works that function simultaneously as documentary evidence and interpretive exploration. Through extended painting sessions, he develops portraits that transcend mere representation, becoming investigations of presence, memory, and temporal experience. His paintings emerge as complex documents of specific moments, combining technical precision with emotional resonance.



Owain Hunt CV

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Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Portraits, Through The Looking Glass*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2024 *Hampstead Art Society*, London, UK
- 2024 *New English Art Club Drawing Bursary*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2024 *Royal Society of Portrait Painters*, Mall galleries, London, UK
- 2024 *Royal Society of British Artists Rising Stars*, Royal Overseas League, London, UK
- 2023 *Semi-Conscious*, Islington Arts Factory, London, UK
- 2023 *The Wells Contemporary*, Wells Cathedral, Wells, UK
- 2023 *The Green and Stone Summer Exhibition*, The Gallery at Green and Stone, London, UK
- 2023 *Royal Society of British Artists Rising Stars*, Royal Overseas League, London, UK
- 2022 *New English Art Club*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2022 *CBPP Group Show*, Brixton Department Store, London, UK
- 2022 *Royal Society of Portrait Painters*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2021 *ING Discerning Eye*, Mall Galleries London, UK
- 2021 *116th Bath Society of Artists*, Victoria Art Gallery, Bath, UK
- 2012 *Ruth Borchard Self-Portrait Prize Exhibition*, Southampton City Gallery, UK
- 2021 *Figurative Art Now*, Mall Galleries, London UK
- 2021 *Royal Society of British Artists*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2021 *New English Art Club*, Mall Galleries, London, UK

- 2020 *RWA 168th Annual Exhibition*, Royal West of England Academy, Bristol
- 2020 *New English Art Club*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2020 *Royal Institute of Oil Painters Annual Exhibition*, Mall Galleries, London
- 2020 *Isolation, Virtual Group Show*, Blanco Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 *The Pastel Society*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2020 *Sky Portrait Artist of Year*, Battersea Arts Centre, London, UK
- 2020 *Contemporary British Portrait Painters 'Perceptions'* Cass Art, Islington, London UK
- 2020 *Royal Society of British Artists*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2020 *Royal Society of Portrait Painters*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2019 *The Pastel Society*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2019 *Royal Institute of Oil Painters Annual Exhibition*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2019 *RAW 167th Annual Exhibitions*, Royal West of England Academy, Bristol UK
- 2019 *Wales Contemporary*, Waterfront Gallery, Milford Haven, UK
- 2019 *In The Studio*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2019 *Royal Society of British Artists*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2019 *A Series of Portraits*, Cass Art, Bristol, UK
- 2019 *114th Bath Society of Artists*, Victoria Art Gallery, Bath, UK
- 2019 *Royal Society of Portrait Painters*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2019 *Royal Society of British Artists Rising Stars*, Royal Over-seas League, London, UK
- 2018 *Cass Art Openwalls Exhibition*, Cass Art Bristol, UK

Selected Awards

- 2023 The Michael Harding Award for the Most Distinguished Oil Painting – The Green and Stone Summer Exhibition
- 2022 The Sequestered Prize Finalist
- 2021 The John Lynn Commemorative Award for a Young Artist – Royal Society of British Artists Annual Exhibition
- 2021 Longlisted for The Ruth Borchard Self-Portrait Prize
- 2020 The ROI Emerging Artist Prize – Royal Institute of Oil Painters Annual Exhibition
- 2020 Shortlisted for The Castlegate Prize 2020
- 2019 The Geoffrey Vivis Memorial Award – Royal Society of British Artists Annual Exhibition
- 2019 Minerva Portrait Prize – 114th Bath Society of Artists Annual Exhibition
- 2019 Shortlisted for RBA Rome Scholarship
- 2018 Selected as one of 20 emerging talents, *In The Studio*, Mall Galleries, UK

Selected Artwork



Owain Hunt
The Mirror's Edge, 2025
Oil on linen
55 1/8 x 36 in
140 x 91.5 cm