

Ian Cumberland

Ian Cumberland was born in Banbridge, Northern Ireland in 1983. He graduated from Ulster University in 2006, receiving a BA(Hons) in Fine and Applied Art. He works primarily with paint and installation.

Cumberland stages fictional scenes that give the viewer a sensation of voyeurism. figures Individual contained within generic everyday settings create an which environment intrudes into moments that appear private. He carefully arranges mise-en-scènes, sets, actors, props, and lighting to reconstruct an illusion of normality that is understood through mass media. These are then photographed and painted. The paintings are treated as objects among a multi component tableau staged within the creating a wider installation. space, Elements framed within the paintings extend into the space using fabric, paint, neon, sculpture, and video work. By



expanding the paintings' mode of presentation, Cumberland is highlighting the process of construction through deconstruction, exploring ideas about the human condition, culture, symptoms of mass media, surveillance and control.

Ian Cumberland CV

B. 1983- Banbridge, Northern Ireland

Lives and works in Northern Ireland

Selected solo exhibitions

- 2023 Ian Cumberland, Gormleys, Dublin, Ireland
- 2020 Presence in Absence, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 A Common Fiction/Once removed, Josef Filipp Gallery, Leipzig, Germany
- 2018 A Common Fiction, Golden Thread Gallery, Belfast, Northern Ireland
- 2016 Once Removed, MCAC, Portadown, Northern Ireland
- 2012 Albemarle Gallery, London, UK
- 2008 Albemarle Gallery, London, UK

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 Portraits: Through The Looking Glass, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2024 *Art* + *Soul*, International Art and Sculpture Exhibition, The K Club, Gormleys, Dublin, Ireland
- 2023 Winter Show, Gormleys, Dublin, Ireland
- 2023 Gormleys at Charlemont Square, Gormleys, Dublin, Ireland
- 2023 Art + Soul, International Art and Painting, Gormleys, Dublin, Ireland
- 2023 Spring Group Exhibition, Gormleys, Dublin, Ireland
- 2022 Bolye Arts Festival, Bolye, Ireland

- 2022 January 22, Josef Filipp Gallery, Germany
- 2021 Summer Exhibition, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 The Contemporary Human Condition, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 I'll be your mirror, Josef Filipp Gallery, Leipzig, Germany
- 2019 SAGA, Paintguide, Hong Kong
- 2018 A Brand New Darkness, Abridged, Galway Arts Centre, Ireland
- 2017 Winter Open, RUA Red, Dublin, Ireland
- 2017 Delusional, Jonathan Levine Projects, New Jersey, USA
- 2016 Portraits of a Nation, Farmleigh Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
- 2015 BP Portrait Award (Touring Exhibition), The National Portrait Gallery,
- London, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, Ulster Museum, Belfast,

UK

- 2014 Presently, MCAC, Portadown, Northern Ireland
- 2014 184th Annual Exhibition, The Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, Ireland
- 2013 Precious Cargo, The London Street Gallery, Londonderry, Northern Ireland
- 2013 Albemarle Collective', Albemarle Gallery, London, UK
- 2012 BP Portrait Award (Touring Exhibition), The National Portrait Gallery,

London, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, Royal Albert Memorial

- Museum, Exeter, UK
- 2011 British Figurative Art, Eleanor Ettinger Gallery, New York, USA
- 2011 Summer Collective, Albemarle Gallery, London, UK
- 2010 Davy Portrait Award, Naughton Gallery, Belfast

2009 *BP Portrait Awards*, The National Portrait Gallery, London, Dean Gallery of the National Galleries of Scotland, Edinburgh, Southampton City Art Gallery, UK 2009 *Royal Ulster Academy*, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Awards

2018 Artist International Development Fund, British Council / Arts Council of

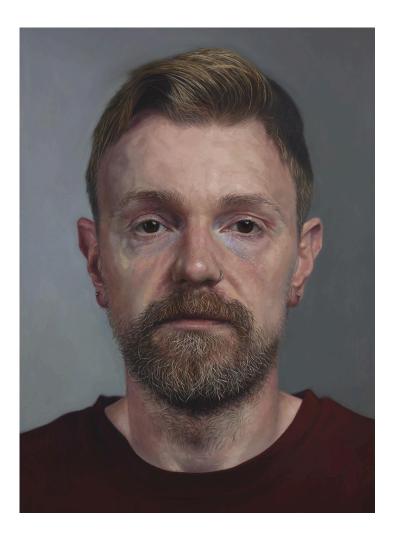
Northern Ireland

- 2014 ACES Award, Arts Council of Northern Ireland
- 2012 The Ireland-US Council & Irish Arts Review Portraiture Award
- 2011 BP Portrait Award, 3rd Prize
- 2011 SIAP Award, Arts Council of Northern Ireland
- 2010 SIAP Award, Arts Council of Northern Ireland
- 2010 Davy Portrait Award, 1st Prize
- 2010 KPMG Emerging Artist Award (RUA)
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Collections

G2 Kunsthalle, Hildebrand Collection, Leipzig, Germany Northern Ireland Civil Service Art Collection, Dublin, Ireland National Self Portrait Collection of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland OPW State Art Collection, Dublin, Ireland Arts Council of Northern Ireland Belfast City Hall, Ireland Queens University, Belfast, Northern Ireland University of Ulster, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Selected Artwork



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14314 Days, 2022, Oil on linen 59 x 43 1/4in 150 x 110cm