

## 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. Individual figures contained within generic everyday settings create an environment which 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 space, creating a wider installation. 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

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- 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

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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

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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

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## Selected Artwork



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

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