

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 through the use of 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

- 2021 *Ian Cumberland*, Gormleys, Dublin, London, UK
- 2020 *Presence in Absence*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 *A Common Fiction/ Once Removed*, Joseph Filipp Gallery, Leipzig, Germany
- 2018 *A Common Fiction*, Golden Thread Gallery, Belfast, UK
- 2016 *Once Removed*, MCAC, Portadown, UK
- 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 2021*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 *The Contemporary Human Condition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 *Summer Exhibition 2019*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 Royal Ulster Academy, Ulster Museum, UK
- 2019 *Saga*, Paintguide, Hong Kong, China

- 2018 *Into The Darkness*, Galway Arts Centre, Galway, Ireland
- 2017 *Winter Open*, RUA Red, Dublin, Ireland
- 2017 *Delusional*, Jonathan Levine Gallery, NJ, USA
- 2017 *Royal Ulster Academy*, Ulster Museum, Belfast, UK
- 2016 *Portraits of a Nation*, Farmleigh Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
- 2015 *BP Portrait Award* (Touring Exhibition), National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
- 2015 Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, Ulster Museum, Belfast, UK
- 2014 *Presently*, MCAC, Portadown, UK
- 2014 *184th Annual Exhibition*, The Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, Ireland
- 2013 *Precious Cargo*, The London Street Gallery, Londonderry, UK
- 2013 *BP Portrait Award* (Touring Exhibition), The National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
- 2013 Aberdeen Art Gallery, Wolverhampton Art Gallery, UK
- 2013 *Albemarle Collective*, Albemarle Gallery, London, UK
- 2013 *Royal Ulster Academy*, Ulster Museum, Belfast, UK
- 2012 *BP Portrait Award* (Touring Exhibition), The National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
- 2012 Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
- 2012 Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter, UK
- 2012 *Nude*, Albemarle Gallery, London, UK
- 2011 *BP Portrait Award*, The National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
- 2011 Aberdeen Art Gallery, Wolverhampton Art Gallery, UK
- 2011 *British Figurative Painting*, Elanor Ettinger Gallery, New York, USA
- 2011 *Summer Collective*, Albemarle Gallery, London, UK
- 2010 'Davy Portrait Award', Naughton Gallery, Belfast, UK
- 2010 Farmleigh Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

Awards

Artist International Development Fund, British Council, ACNI, 2018

ACES Award, Arts Council of Northern Ireland, 2014

The Ireland – US Council and Irish Arts Review Portraiture Award (RHA), 2012

3rd Prize, Bp Portrait Award, 2011

SIAP Award, Arts Council of Northern Ireland, 2011, 2010, 2009

1st Prize, Davy Portrait Award, 2010

KPMG Emerging Artist Award (RUA) 2010, 2009

Museums and Collections

G2 Kunsthalle, Hildebrand Collection, Leipzig, Germany

National Self Portrait Collection of Ireland

Office of Public Works, Ireland

Arts Council of Northern Ireland, UK

Northern Ireland Civil Service Art Collection, UK

Belfast City Hall, Northern Ireland, UK

Queens University, Belfast, UK

University of Ulster, UK

Selected Artwork



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