

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

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| 2019 | <i>A Common Fiction/ Once Removed</i> ,
Joseph Filipp Gallery, Leipzig,
Germany | 2018 | <i>A Common Fiction</i> , Golden Thread
Gallery, Belfast, UK |
| 2016 | <i>Once Removed</i> , MCAC, Portadown,
UK | 2012 | Albemarle Gallery, London, UK |
| 2008 | Albemarle Gallery, London, UK | | |

Selected Group Exhibitions

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| 2020 | <i>The Contemporary Human Condition</i> ,
JD Malat Gallery, London, UK | | |
| 2019 | <i>Summer Exhibition 2019</i> , JD Malat
Gallery, London, UK | 2019 | Royal Ulster Academy, Ulster
Museum, UK |
| 2019 | <i>Saga</i> , Paintguide, Hong Kong,
China | 2018 | <i>Into The Darkness</i> , Galway Arts
Centre, Galway, Ireland |
| 2017 | <i>Winter Open</i> , RUA Red, Dublin,
Ireland | 2017 | <i>Delusional</i> , Jonathan Levine
Gallery, NJ, USA |
| 2017 | <i>Royal Ulster Academy</i> , Ulster
Museum, Belfast, UK | 2016 | <i>Portraits of a Nation</i> , Farmleigh
Gallery, Dublin, Ireland |
| 2015 | <i>BP Portrait Award</i> (Touring
Exhibition), National Portrait
Gallery, London, UK | 2015 | Scottish National Portrait Gallery,
Edinburgh, Ulster Museum,
Belfast, UK |
| 2014 | <i>Presently</i> , MCAC, Portadown, UK | 2014 | <i>184th Annual Exhibition</i> , The Royal
Hibernian Academy, Dublin,
Ireland |
| 2013 | <i>Precious Cargo</i> , The London Street
Gallery, Londonderry, UK | 2013 | <i>BP Portrait Award</i> (Touring
Exhibition), The National Portrait
Gallery, London, UK |
| 2013 | Aberdeen Art Gallery,
Wolverhampton Art Gallery, UK | 2013 | <i>Albemarle Collective</i> , Albemarle
Gallery, London, UK |
| 2013 | <i>Royal Ulster Academy</i> , Ulster
Museum, Belfast, UK | 2012 | <i>BP Portrait Award</i> (Touring
Exhibition), The National Portrait
Gallery, London, UK |
| 2012 | Scottish National Portrait Gallery,
Edinburgh, UK | 2012 | Royal Albert Memorial Museum,
Exeter, UK |
| 2012 | <i>Nude</i> , Albemarle Gallery, London,
UK | 2011 | <i>BP Portrait Award</i> , The National
Portrait Gallery, London, UK |

2011	Aberdeen Art Gallery, Wolverhampton Art Gallery, UK	2011	<i>British Figurative Painting</i> , Elanor Ettinger Gallery, New York, USA
2011	<i>Summer Collective</i> , 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