

Andrew Litten

Andrew Litten is a British artist, born in Aylesbury 1970. He is self-taught and currently works from his studio in Fowey, Cornwall.

Andrew Litten's work explores raw human existence. He is searching the poetry of living, loving, hurting, and dying through depicting the powerful, the vulnerable, and the human. His work articulates anxieties surrounding the fragility of life, unguardedly exploring complex states of our contemporary condition through a multifaceted body of work; this includes large scale figurative paintings, bronze sculpture, and mixed media work, created using everything from gouache and oil paint to hair and screws.

Litten's base aim is to define issues of contemporary social conditioning and private confusion, and place this within a wider humanistic context. He wants to create "art that speaks of the love, anger, loss, personal growth and the private confusions we all experience in our lives. To create stories of authenticity that compress a sense of endurance of the human spirit."

He dropped out of art college as a teenager, finding it restricting and claustrophobic. He is inspired by the commonplace, stimulated by the many works in his studio and by the activity of art making, assembling, collaging, scoring texture into surfaces, and manipulating the material qualities of paint. His portraits are characterised by a challenging intensity, used to represent dependence, breakdown, faith, mourning, and responsibility. Litten peels back civility to uncover animal instincts and fears, he forces us to confront the uncomfortable.

Selected Works



Andrew Litten
Boy V's Man, 2017
Watercolour on paper
50 x 65cm
(LIT001)



Andrew Litten
Sexual Intercourse, 2016
Oil on canvas
150 x 147cm
(LIT003)

Andrew Litten CV

b. 1970- Aylesbury, United Kingdom

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2020	<i>Concerning the Fragile</i> , Anima Mundi, St Ives, UK.	2018	<i>Ordinary Bodies Ordinary Bones</i> , Anima Mundi, St Ives, UK.
2018	<i>Impromptu</i> , Drill Hall Gallery, National Australian University, Australia.	2018	<i>Archive (Selected work 1990-99)</i> , Royal Cornwall Museum, Truro, UK.
2016	<i>Need</i> , Patrick Davies CA, Herts, UK.	2014	<i>I wish you ill and hope you suffer as much as I have</i> , Spike Island Test Space, Bristol, UK.
2013	<i>I D Smear</i> , Motorcade/FlashParade, Bristol, UK.	2012	<i>Guest</i> , L-13 Light Industrial Workshop, London, UK.
2012	<i>I D Smear</i> , Millennium Gallery, St Ives, UK.	2011	<i>This Is Real</i> , Oo Gallery, New York City, USA.
2008	<i>Paintings</i> , Goldfish, Penzance, UK	2007	<i>Connect?</i> , Goldfish, Penzance, UK.
2006	<i>Free Range</i> , Goldfish, Penzance, UK	2005	<i>Ordinary Bodies</i> , Goldfish, Penzance, UK.
2005	<i>I trust you implicitly</i> , Galerie Pelar, New York City, USA	2004	<i>Something Happened</i> , Hillsboro Fine Art, Dublin, Ireland.
2004	<i>Objects of subjective Interpretation</i> , Dick the Dog, Penzance, UK	2003	<i>I think I was just talking to myself</i> , Dick the Dog, Penzance, UK

Selected Group Exhibitions

2020	<i>Isolation Mastered</i> , JD Malat Gallery, London, UK.	2019	<i>Made in Britain. 82 Painters of the 21st Century</i> , Muzeum Narodowe, Gdansk, Poland.
2019	<i>Protected by Alarms</i> , Anima Mundi, St Ives, UK.	2018	<i>Winter Exhibition</i> , Anima Mundi, St Ives, UK.
2018	<i>Contemporary Masters from Britain</i> , Yantai Art Museum, China.	2017	<i>Anything Goes</i> , Art Bermondsey Project Space, London, UK.
2017	<i>Contemporary Masters from Britain</i> , Tianjin Academy of Fine Arts Museum, China.	2017	<i>Contemporary Masters from Britain</i> , Jiangsu Art Gallery, Nanjing, China.
2017	<i>Contemporary Masters from Britain</i> , Jiangsu Museum of Arts and Crafts (Artall), Nanjing, China.	2016	<i>The Musings of Creatures</i> , Falmouth Art Gallery, Falmouth, UK.
2016	<i>Sixty</i> , Lubomirov/Angus-Hughes Gallery, London, UK.	2014	<i>Now In Reverse</i> , Hundred Years Gallery, London, UK.
2014	<i>Armory Show</i> , See Gallery, New York City, USA.	2013	<i>This Me Of Mine (Self time and context in the digital age)</i> , Ipswich Art School Gallery, Ipswich, UK.
2012	<i>On Paper</i> , Snig Hill Gallery, Sheffield, UK.	2012	<i>St Ives Collection</i> , Snig Hill Gallery, Sheffield, UK.
2012	<i>Accidental Genius</i> , Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, USA.	2012	<i>Kunstfactor</i> , Marzia Frozen, Berlin, Germany
2012	<i>L13</i> , L-13 Light Industrial Workshop, London, UK.	2011	<i>Drawing The Line</i> , Siena Art Institute, Siena, Italy.
2011	<i>AC/BC</i> , Marzia Frozen, Berlin, Germany.	2011	<i>Unoriginal</i> , RSA Collective at Scottish National Gallery, Edinburgh, UK.
2011	<i>Red</i> , Cultivate Vyner Street, London, UK.	2011	<i>Afternoon Tea</i> , W.W Gallery, London at the Venice Biennale, Italy.

2011	<i>Book</i> , Oo Gallery, New York, USA.	2011	<i>Concrete Skin</i> , BHVU Gallery, London, UK.
2011	<i>Foot</i> , Oo Gallery, New York, USA.	2010	<i>No Soul For Sale</i> , Tate Modern (Turbine Hall), London, UK
2010	<i>The Museum of Everything</i> , Crunch Festival, Wales, UK	2008	<i>Short Stories with Geraldine Cox</i> , ARTSPACE, Nottingham, UK
2008	<i>No Theme</i> , Goldfish, Penzance, UK	2007	<i>The Figure Show</i> , Jill George Gallery, London, UK
2007	<i>Move</i> , Lime Wharf Gallery, London, UK	2007	<i>Margins</i> , Sherborne House, Dorset, UK
2005	<i>Mixed</i> , Goldfish, Penzance, UK	2004	<i>Mixed</i> , Hillsboro Fine Art, Dublin, Ireland
2003	<i>Nudes</i> , Galerie Pelar, New York City, USA	2002	<i>Entry</i> , Dick the Dog, Penzance, UK

Selected International Art Fairs

2020	<i>ZONA MACO</i> , Anima Mundi, Mexico City, Mexico.	2010	<i>Art Toronto</i> , Jill George Gallery, Toronto, Canada.
2009	<i>British Art Fair</i> , Jill George Gallery, London, UK.	2009	<i>Art Chicago</i> , Jill George Gallery, Chicago, USA.
2008	<i>Red Dot Miami</i> , Jill George Gallery, Miami, USA.	2008	<i>Red Dot London</i> , Jill George Gallery, London, UK.
2008	<i>Toronto International</i> , Jill George Gallery, Toronto, Canada.	2008	<i>The Figure Show</i> , Jill George Gallery, London, UK.
2008	<i>Red Dot</i> , Jill George Gallery, New York City, USA.	2007	<i>London Art</i> , Goldfish Gallery, London, UK.
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