



**contemporary
art society**

Programme

January — April 2012

**The Contemporary Art Society exists to develop
public collections of contemporary art across the UK**





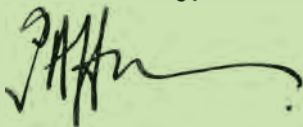
To start off the new year, we are delighted to present our new programme for winter 2012. This year we have strengthened our membership offer by refining our events programme and introducing more specialist content for those interested in being 'ahead of the curve' in terms of identifying emerging artists and trends.

We will also launch a new online resource, which will include information on recommended galleries and exhibitions as well as artists to watch and the latest tips on 'how to collect'. We are pleased to announce a new series of evening talks; the *Emerging Trends* series, beginning Wednesday 15 February where I will explore and discuss the current developments in contemporary art.

Building on the tremendous success of previous gala events, our 2012 gala *LEAP!* will take place Wednesday, 29 February. *LEAP!* will combine an auction of specially commissioned works by both internationally renowned and emerging artists including **Anthea Hamilton, Jim Lambie, Paul Noble, Paula Rego** and **Gert and Uwe Tobias** with a themed dinner and reception. Works will be available to view online from Tuesday 14 February and the event will greatly benefit our mission.

On Thursday 9 February Collector Members are invited to a private viewing of the collection at Aspen. As you know, the Contemporary Art Society's Consultancy team, who works with both private and corporate clients, has worked closely with Aspen over the years to build their art collections in offices across the globe. The collection includes works by both upcoming and established artists such as **John Baldessari, David Hockney, Ryan McGinley, Elliot Wilcox** and **Catherine Yass**.

Those of you who joined us at our Annual Reception in November will know that we are in the process of looking for a new home for our activities. We shall keep you informed as our search develops. In the interim, we look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.



Paul Hobson, Director.

Annual Award winning proposal announced

The Contemporary Art Society has announced **Christina Mackie** and the **Nottingham Castle Museum & Art Gallery** as the winning proposal for its Annual Award. **Cornelia Parker OBE** presented the £60,000 prize to commission a major new work of art that once completed will remain within the museum's permanent collection. The award follows five British museums, paired with five prestigious artists, being shortlisted to win the prize earlier this year.

The Annual Award for museums — *commission to collect* — is now in its third year. The aim of Award is to encourage artists and museums to work together to create significant new works of art for their collections and for audiences now and in the future to enjoy. Funded by the Sfumato Foundation this is the UK's only award that supports contemporary art entering public collections through a new commission.

Artist **Christina Mackie**, who will be creating the work with the Nottingham Castle Museum, said of winning the award:

I am thrilled to have had this opportunity to develop a relationship with Nottingham Castle Museum and Art Gallery. We are really looking forward to continuing with this significant project we set out as a proposal and bringing it to completion within the context of this unique museum collection. This would not be possible without the Contemporary Art Society whose Annual Award directly supports contemporary art entering public collections via commission.

100 Years of the Contemporary Art Society — What's Next? Inside Public Collections

In addition to announcing the Annual Award, the Contemporary Art Society also announced the release of its **centenary publication**, *100 Years of the Contemporary Art Society — What's Next? Inside Public Collections*, edited by Lucy Byatt and Charlotte Troy.

This publication looks back at what has been achieved over a century of gifting new works to public collections and expresses Contemporary Art Society's continuing commitment to acquire challenging works by artists of our time for audiences of the future, emphasising some of the current and future questions for public collections of art.

The book also includes specially commissioned pages from some of the UK's most important and emerging artists including **Michael Dean, Andy Holden, Lindsay Seers** and **Emily Wardill**.

100 Years of the Contemporary Art Society — What's Next? Inside Public Collections
Paperback, 372 pages, £19.95 + £5 p&p available from phil@contemporaryartsociety.org

January

19 THURSDAY 18.00 — 20.00
Studio Visits — Pavel Büchler & Ian Rawlinson
 UNIT 33, WELLINGTON HOUSE,
 POLLARD STREET EAST, MANCHESTER, M40 7FS
NORTH WEST MEMBERS

21 SATURDAY 11.00 — 12.30
Brunch and Private Tour — London Art Fair
 MEET AT STAND M5, ART PROJECTS,
 LONDON ART FAIR, BUSINESS DESIGN CENTRE,
 ISLINGTON, LONDON, N1
COLLECTOR MEMBERS

SATURDAY 17.00 — 18.00
London Art Fair VIP Pass and Tour
 MEET AT STAND M5, ART PROJECTS,
 LONDON ART FAIR, BUSINESS DESIGN CENTRE,
 ISLINGTON, LONDON, N1
ALL MEMBERS

27 FRIDAY 18.00 — 21.00
Private View — Samantha Donnelly, Contour States
 CORNERHOUSE, 70 OXFORD STREET,
 MANCHESTER, M1 5NH
NORTH WEST MEMBERS

28 SATURDAY 14.00 — 16.00
Studio Visits — Karl de Vroomen & Graham Dolphin
 NEWBRIDGE STUDIO, NORHAM HOUSE,
 12 NEW BRIDGE ST WEST,
 NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NE1 8AS
NORTH EAST MEMBERS

February

4 SATURDAY 11.00 — 16.30
Contemporary Art Society tour (CASt)
 MEET AT 17 BLOOMSBURY SQUARE,
 LONDON, WC1A 2LP
ALL MEMBERS (£50)

7 TUESDAY 18.30 — 20.00
Curator-led Exhibition Tour — Alessandro Vincentelli on Elizabeth Price
 BALTIC CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART,
 SOUTH SHORE ROAD, GATESHEAD, NE8 3BA
NORTH EAST MEMBERS

9 THURSDAY 18.30 — 20.30
Corporate Collection Visit — Aspen
 LONDON — ADDRESS ON RSVP
COLLECTOR MEMBERS

THURSDAY 18.00 — 20.00
Artist Talk (including wine tasting) — Daniel Fogarty
 BUREAU, 60 PORT STREET,
 MANCHESTER, M1 2QE
NORTH WEST MEMBERS

11 SATURDAY 13.00 — 14.30
Director's Talk — Christina Mackie at Chisenhale Gallery
 64 CHISENHALE ROAD, LONDON, E3 5QZ
ALL MEMBERS

15 WEDNESDAY 18.30 — 20.30
Seminar — Important and Emerging Trends in Contemporary Painting
 CONTEMPORARY ART SOCIETY,
 11–15 EMERALD STREET, LONDON, WC1N 3QL
ALL MEMBERS (£25)
NON-MEMBERS (£30)

March

24 FRIDAY 10.30 — 16.30
Annual Conference — *Shifting Institutional Models in these Times of Uncertain Economies*
 FIRSTSITE, COLCHESTER
NATIONAL NETWORK MEMBERS
NON-MEMBERS (£75)

25 SATURDAY 13.00 — 16.00
Exhibition Tour (Henny Acloque at Ceri Hand Gallery) & Studio Visits (Royal Standard)
 TO START AT CERI HAND GALLERY,
 12 COTTON STREET, LIVERPOOL, L3 7DY
NORTH WEST MEMBERS

29 WEDNESDAY 18.30 — 23.00
Annual Fundraiser *LEAP!*
 FARMILOE BUILDING, 34 ST JOHN STREET,
 LONDON, EC1M 4BE
ALL MEMBERS — TICKETED EVENT

9 FRIDAY 18.30 — 20.00
Director's Talk — David Shrigley: Brain Activity and Jeremy Deller: Joy in People
 HAYWARD GALLERY, SOUTHBANK CENTRE,
 BELVEDERE ROAD, LONDON, SE1 8XX
ALL MEMBERS

10 SATURDAY 14.00 — 16.00
Talk — *How to Collect* with Beatrice Hodgkin
 HARRIS MUSEUM & ART GALLERY,
 MARKET STREET, PRESTON, PR1 2PP
ALL MEMBERS

12 MONDAY 18.30 — 20.00
Private View — ROTATE Exhibition Eastside Projects & Grand Union
 CONTEMPORARY ART SOCIETY,
 11–15 EMERALD STREET, LONDON, WC1N 3QL
ALL MEMBERS

17 SATURDAY 11.00 — 13.00
Studio Visit — David Batchelor, David Blandy & Doug Fishbone
 LONDON, E2 — ADDRESS ON RSVP
ALL MEMBERS (£50)

SATURDAY 11.00 — 13.00
Exhibition Tours — AV Festival 12, Middlesbrough (James Benning, Cyprien Gaillard and John Gerrard)
 PLATFORM A GALLERY, MIDDLESBROUGH
 RAILWAY STATION, TS1 1EG & MIMA
 MIDDLESBROUGH INSTITUTE OF MODERN ART,
 CENTRE SQUARE, TS1 2AZ
ALL MEMBERS

April

22 THURSDAY 18.00 — 20.00
Talk — *A Short History of Performance Art*
 MANCHESTER — ADDRESS ON RSVP
NORTH WEST MEMBERS

24 SATURDAY 11.00 — 16.30
Contemporary Art Society tour (CASt)
 MEET AT 17 BLOOMSBURY SQ, LONDON, WC1A 2LP
ALL MEMBERS (£50)

27 TUESDAY 18.30 — 20.00
Director Talk — Clive Gillman (Director, Dundee Contemporary Arts) on Torsten Lauschmann
 LAING ART GALLERY, NEW BRIDGE STREET,
 NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NE1 8AG
NORTH EAST MEMBERS

TUESDAY 18.30 — 20.30
Private Collection and Gallery Visit with Debbie Carslaw, Madder139
 LONDON — ADDRESS ON RSVP
COLLECTOR MEMBERS

31 SATURDAY 14.00 — 16.00
Seminar — *Collecting Performance Art*
 CORNERHOUSE, 70 OXFORD STREET,
 MANCHESTER, M1 5NH
ALL MEMBERS

14 SATURDAY 11.00 — 16.00
Studio Visit (Matthew Houlding) & Curator-led Tours (Gary Hume & Michael Dean)
 TODMORDEN & LEEDS — ADDRESS ON RSVP
NORTH EAST MEMBERS & NORTH WEST MEMBERS

SATURDAY 11.00 — 13.00
Richard Wentworth's *Un-Studio City as Space, Street as Place*
 LONDON — ADDRESS ON RSVP
ALL MEMBERS (£50)

17 TUESDAY — FRIDAY 20 APRIL
Research Trip — The Story of the FRAC: Regional Collecting in France
NATIONAL NETWORK MEMBERS

21 SATURDAY 12.00 — 17.00
Visit — Art Gene & the Piel Island pub project
 ART GENE, BATH STREET,
 BARROW-IN-FURNESS, CUMBRIA, LA14 5TY
NORTH EAST MEMBERS & NORTH WEST MEMBERS



Booking

To ensure a place, booking is essential for all events. Places for events, tours and offers are taken on a first-come first-served basis. Members are invited to bring a guest to all events for which they are eligible to attend. All events are free to members unless stated otherwise.

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Contemporary Art Society's Annual Award Reception, 2011. Held at The German Gymnasium, London. photo: Thomas Horak

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Phyllida Barlow, *Untitled: Disaster III*, 2010, acquired for Nottingham Castle Museum & Art Gallery with support from The Art Fund, sculpture; plywood, wadding, fabrics, wire netting, polystyrene, cardboard, scrim, cement, banding plaster, sealant, dust, paint, spray paint, castors, 60 x 90 x 75cm
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