



# Mark Houghton

Born in Warrington. Lives and works in Wales, United Kingdom.

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## BIOGRAPHY

Mark Houghton is a British artist who trained initially, and gained his first degree at Middlesex University (formerly the Hornsey School of Art) and subsequently at the Cardiff Metropolitan University (MA Fine Art), at the Cardiff School of Art & Design.

His work has long been concerned with our relationship to the built environment, and often incorporates objects and materials encountered there.

His practice highlights overlooked aspects of the everyday, in order to isolate and represent aspects of the urban environment. His aim is to forge a visual poetry of the commonplace, to elevate the irrelevance of the ordinary, in an attempt to decode and decipher the complexity of the environments that we inherit and inhabit.

Houghton moved to Welsh Borders in 1987 and has exhibited, in both Wales and the rest of the United Kingdom, as well as undertaking several residencies both here, in the United Kingdom, and abroad in Spain and the United . His work appears regularly in both group and solo exhibitions and has recently been acquired for private collections. He has collaborated with a painter, Kelly Best, who is based in Cardiff, having joint shows in both Cardiff and Manchester. As well as appearing in catalogues, his work features in a world wide survey of 30 multi-disciplinary artists, "The Language of Mixed Media Sculpture" by Jac Scott, published by the Crowood Press, May 2014. In the same year he was elected to the Royal Society of Sculptors.

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## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 *Manchester Contemporary Art Fair*, with Meter Room, Manchester, United Kingdom
  - 2016 *You Me It Now*, 13 Herald Street, London, United Kingdom
  - 2013 *Interference*, Chapter, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom
  - 2011 *Upstare*, The Downstairs Gallery, Herefordshire, United Kingdom
  - 2011 *Occidental Collusions*, West Wales School of the Arts Gallery, Wales, United Kingdom
  - 2009 *Inbetweenies*, Elysium Gallery, Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom
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## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *VAS Open*, Royal ScoJsh Academy, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
- 2019 *Open19*, Galeri Caernarfon, Caernarfon, Wales, United Kingdom
- 2019 *Small is Beautiful*, Flowers Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2019 *Neoart Prize*, Bolton Museum and Art Gallery, Bolton, United Kingdom
- 2019 *Conversations in Sculpture*, Huddersfield Art Gallery, Huddersfield, United Kingdom
- 2019 *Wells Art Contemporary*, Wells, Somerset, United Kingdom
- 2019 *Y Lle Celf*, National Eisteddfod of Wales, Conway, United Kingdom
- 2019 *Manchester Contemporary Art Fair*, with Meter Room, Manchester, United Kingdom
- 2019 *National Eisteddfod of Wales*, Conway, United Kingdom
- 2019 *Wells Art Contemporary*, Wells, Somerset, United Kingdom
- 2019 *Sculpture Open Exhibition*, Royal West of England Academy, Bristol, United Kingdom
- 2019 *Alight*, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, United Kingdom – awarded Richard Coley Prize for Sculpture
- 2018 *Small is Beautiful*, Flowers Gallery, Cork Street, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 *Wells Art Contemporary*, Wells, Somerset, United Kingdom
- 2018 *National Eisteddfod of Wales*, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom
- 2017 *Small is Beautiful*, Flowers Gallery, Cork Street, London, United Kingdom
- 2017 *Bankley Open*, Manchester, United Kingdom
- 2017 *We: You, Me*, Firstsite, Colchester, United Kingdom
- 2017 *FLUX*, Centrala, Birmingham, in association with Grand Union, United Kingdom
- 2016 *Nottingham Castle Open*, Nottingham, United Kingdom
- 2016 *Canwood Gallery*, Hereford, United Kingdom

- 2016 *National Eisteddfod of Wales*, Abergavenny, Wales, United Kingdom  
2015 *Nottingham Castle Open*, Nottingham, United Kingdom  
2015 *Summer Salon*, Lubomirov/Angus-Hughes, London, United Kingdom  
2014 *Everything Else is Just the Weather*, Arcadecardiff, Cardiff, United Kingdom  
2014 *Everything Else is Just the Weather*, Castlefield Gallery Project Space, Manchester, United Kingdom  
2014 *UNIT(e)*, G39, Cardiff, United Kingdom  
2013 *Beyond Merely Assembling*, the Castlefield Gallery Project Space, Manchester, United Kingdom  
2013 *Hot-One-Hundred*, Schwartz Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
2013 *AIR Artists*, Group Show, Howard Gardens Gallery, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom

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