

Tim Ellis

Born 1981, Chester, United Kingdom.

BIOGRAPHY

Tim Ellis examines the process whereby art and craft objects from one culture come into close contact with another. This coming together leads to an exchange in value and a shift in meaning. Ellis conducts in-depth research into cultural products, how they are made, used and displayed. Sometimes using found objects and other times abstracting from pre-existing designs, Ellis transforms his works into totemic sculptures and paintings. The material decisions suggest a utility beyond that of their original function.

Ellis intuitively responds to the displaced and forgotten imagery and materials: adding, adapting, and abstracting the information in order to develop a series of responses that suggest the appearance of another culture or alternative society. They remain unspecific, however, leaving the viewer to determine their origin.

Ellis graduated from The Royal Academy Schools, London, in 2009. He has exhibited internationally in solo and group exhibitions at Whitechapel Gallery, London; The Metropolitan Arts Centre, Belfast, Northern Ireland; One Art Space, NY; and FOLD Gallery, London (solo). He was featured in the book *100 Painters of Tomorrow* (Thames & Hudson) and is in collections including the Saatchi Collection, The Glenfiddich Collection, and Swiss Life. Ellis' work is part of various public and private collections in Europe, Asia and the United States.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Echoes in the Sky, Pia Ortuno and Tim Ellis, FOLD Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2023 Loose Lips Sinks Ships, University Centre Hastings, Hastings, United Kingdom
- 2021 In Bloom, JGM Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2019 Tomorrow's Harvest, FOLD Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 Solo Presentation, Art Rotterdam, Van Nelle Fabriek, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 2018 Cypher, PAPER Gallery, Manchester, United Kingdom
- 2014 Mountain People, Century, London, United Kingdom
- 2016 C.O.D.A, FOLD Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2014 Finding Comfort in an Unknown Future, FOLD Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2013 Where We End and You Begin, Horatio Jr, London, United Kingdom
- 2013 We Belong Together, IAG, Hong Kong
- 2012 In The Company We Trust, Horatio Jr, London, United Kingdom
- 2011 Sons of Pioneers, Furini Contemporary, Rome, Italy
- 2011 The Tourist, SpaceX, Exeter, United Kingdom
- 2010 A Foundation For Exchange, Primopiano, Lugano, Switzerland

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Mute, Ubicua Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2023 Thirsk Hall Sculpture Park, Thirsk, Yorkshire, United Kingdom
- 2023 The New Accelerator, Ruskin Gallery, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, United Kingdom
- 2022 Carry-on-Baggage, Galeria Augustine, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2022 6th Edition Contemporary Sculpture Fulmer, Brookebenington Sculpture Park, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom
- 2022 Modern Relics, FOLD Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2022 Post Totem, Ohsh Projects, London, United Kingdom
- 2022 Paper After All, Paper Gallery, Manchester and Tour
- 2021 Studio: Response (#1), The Saatchi Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2021 Spotlight Award, Royal Society of Sculptors, Fulmer Sculpture Park, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom
- 2021 Afterimage, Blyth Gallery, Imperial College, London, United Kingdom
- 2021 Drawing Postal Project, Camberwell Space, UAL, London, United Kingdom

- 2021 Relic, APT Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2020 MERRY-GO-ROUND, JGM Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2020 Afterimage, Blyth Gallery, Imperial College, London, United Kingdom
- 2020 Dance First/Think Later, General Practice, Lincoln, United Kingdom
- 2020 The Collectors Room, curated by Karen David, JGM Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2019 Personal Structures, PAPER Pavilion, ECC, Palazzo Mora, Venice Biennale, Italy
- 2019 Habitat, JGM Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2019 Possible Architectures, SLG, University of Greenwich, London, United Kingdom
- 2019 Unseen, FOLD Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2019 The Summer Exhibition, The Royal Academy of Arts, London, United Kingdom
- 2019 Creekside Open, curated by Brian Griffiths, APT, London, United Kingdom
- 2019 Open Construction, The National Trust, Eastbury Manor, Essex, United Kingdom
- 2019 Carry On, FOLD Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 Harder Edge, The Saatchi Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 Paper-Cuts, Kristian Day, The Saatchi Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 C'est de la Peinture, 25 Painters, Bankley Gallery, Manchester, United Kingdom
- 2018 Now It Is Permitted: Wayside Pulpits, Mansions of the Future, Lincoln, United Kingdom
- 2018 Wunderkammer, Cheslea College of Arts, University of the Arts, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 The Summer Exhibition, The Royal Academy of Arts, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 New Relics, Thames-Side Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 In The Future, Collyer Bristow Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 A History of Drawing, Camberwell Project Space, University of the Arts, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 Pindrop A Short Affair, Pindrop Studio in conjunction with the Royal Academy, London, United Kingdom
- 2017 Beneath The Colour, In conjunction with Saatchi Gallery & Hyatt Regency, London, United Kingdom
- 2017 *100 x Handpicked*, Saatchi Gallery Chrities London & New York
- 2017 Benefizauktion: KUNST WERKt für, Novomatic Forum, Vienna, Austria
- 2017 Through Secondhand Daylight: Tail of Pup, London, United Kingdom
- 2016 Now It is Permitted: 24 Wayside Pulpits, Swedenborg Society, London, United Kingdom
- 2016 Imperfect Reverse, Camberwell Project Space, University of the Arts, London, United Kingdom
- 2016 Frac-tured-su-per-struc-tures, Space Station, London, United Kingdom
- 2016 Wish You Were Here, Estuary 2016, Metal, Southend Pier, Essex, United Kingdom
- 2016 Phase 1 (Reseau Peinture), Ruskin Gallery, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, United Kingdom
- 2016 Flatland, FOLD Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2015 Local Objects, Ikeyazhang, Milan, Italy
- 2015 Platform/Platvorm, Melkweg, Amsterdam, Holland, The Netherland
- 2015 The Whitechapel Open, The Whitechapel Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2015 Illegitimate Objects, The Mathematical Institute, Oxford University, United Kingdom
- 2015 Walking Through Fiction, Camberwell Space, University of the Arts, London, United Kingdom
- 2015 Taverna We are Open Icastica, Fraternita Laici, Municipality of Arezzo, Italy
- 2015 The Shape of Things, The D.O.T Project, London, United Kingdom
- 2015 Tutti Frutti, Turps Banana, London, United Kingdom
- 2015 Autocatalytic Future Games, No Format, London, United Kingdom
- 2015 Long Ting (No Long Ting), Ron Mandos Gallery, Amsterdam, Holland, The Netherlands
- 2015 Fin, Fold Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2014 The MAC International, The Metropolitan Arts Centre, Belfast, Northern Ireland, Ireland
- 2014 The Opinion Makers II, Londonewcastle Project Space, London, United Kingdom
- 2014 A Union of Voices, Horatio Jr, London, United Kingdom
- 2014 100 Painters of Tomorrow, Thames & Hudson, One Art Space, Tribeca, New York, United States
- 2014 Open 17, Venice Lido & San Servolo Island, Venice, Italy
- 2014 Flatpacked/Wrapped/Stacked, Punk&Sheep, Canary Wharf, London, United Kingdom
- 2014 *Icastica*, Fraternita Laici, Museo di Ivan Bruschi & Galleria Comunale D'Arte Contemporanea, Municipality of Arezzo, Italy
- 2014 Ten, Independents Biennial, Liverpool Hope University Gallery, Liverpool, United Kingdom
- 2014 Symbolic Logic, IAG, Hong Kong
- 2014 Welcome to Corfu, The Depot & 48 Hours, London, United Kingdom
- 2013 Image/Object, Furini Contemporary, Rome, Italy
- 2013 Magic 8 Ball, Fold Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2013 The Future Can Wait, Victoria House, London, United Kingdom
- 2013 Misinformation Centre, Hack The Barbican, The Barbican, London, United Kingdom

- 2013 Re-View, IAG, Hong Kong
- 2013 Beautiful-Things, The Next Door Projects, Liverpool, United Kingdom
- 2013 NSP, Broomhill Sculpture Park, Devon, United Kingdom
- 2013 Best Haircuts in History, Soho, London, United Kingdom
- 2013 Forward Thinking, Horatio Jr, London, United Kingdom
- 2013 Hold The Fort, Fort, London, United Kingdom
- 2012 Seduction, Simon Oldfield at 6 Carlos Way, London, United Kingdom
- 2012 *Forward Thinking, -* Touring Exhibition The Island Queen London, The Glenfiddich Distillery Scotland, Gairloch & Loch Ewe Action forum Scotland
- 2012 Courtship of the Peoples, Simon Oldfield Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2012 Needle in a Cloud, Fold Gallery London, United Kingdom
- 2012 Pop Molecule, Aubin Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2011 Secret Societies, To Know, To Dare, To Will, To Keep Silence, CAPC Musee d'Art Contemporain, Bordeaux, France
- 2011 The Thing is the Thing, ASC Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2011 The Anti-Library, Space, London, United Kingdom
- 2011 The Others, Turin, Italy
- 2011 Progress, Progress, Progress / The Happy Valley, Glenfiddich, Scotland
- 2011 Secret Societies, To Know, To Dare, To Will, To Keep Silence, The Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2011 Summer Exhibition, The Royal Academy of Art, London, United Kingdom
- 2011 Friendship of the Peoples, Simon Oldfiled Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2010 John Moores Painting Prize 26, The Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, United Kingdom
- 2010 Newspeak: British Art Now, Part 1, The Saatchi Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2010 New Symphony, Simon Oldfield Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2010 Tag From 3 to 36: New London Painting, Brown Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2009 The Royal Academy Schools Show, The Royal Academy of Art, London, United Kingdom
- 2009 New Sensations, The A Foundation, London, United Kingdom
- 2009 New London School, Galerie Schuster, Berlin, Germany
- 2008 Nick Goss, Tim Ellis, Robert Dowling Jia Jia Wang, Alexandre Pollazzon, London, United Kingdom
- 2008 Falling from an Apple Tree, The Wilde Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2008 Premiums, The Royal Academy of Art, London, United Kingdom
- 2008 A Painter's Glance, Rhenania Kunst Haus, Cologne, Germany
- 2008 The Future Can Wait, Charlie Smith, London, United Kingdom
- 2007 Interceptor, The Peles Empire, London, United Kingdom
- 2007 Summer Exhibition, The Royal Academy of Art, London, United Kingdom
- 2007 Ritual Abuse, The Boys Hall Dalston, London, United Kingdom
- 2006 Half Cut For Confidence, The Independents, Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool, United Kingdom
- 2006 Going Native, Arena Gallery, Liverpool, United Kingdom
- 2005 *The Jerwood Drawing Prize 2005,* The Jerwood Space, London and Tour Jerwood Space, London, Pitville Gallery Cheltenham, Rennie Mackintosh Gallery Glasgow, Bayart Cardif, The Gallery Dorset, United Kingdom

RESIDENCIES & AWARDS

- 2021 Spotlight Award, Royal Society of Sculptors, London & Brooke Benington, Contemporary Sculpture Fulmer
- 2021 Shortlist, The Royal Society of Sculptures 1st Plinth Award
- 2014 100 Painters of Tomorrow, Thames & Hudson
- 2014 Shortlisted MAC International, The Metropolitan Arts Centre, Belfast, Northern Ireland
- 2013 Finalist NSP Sculpture Prize, Broomhill, Devon, England
- 2011 Glenfiddich Residency, Dufftown, Scotland
- 2010 Shortlisted John Moores Painting Prize 26, The Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool
- 2009 The Gordon Luton Award
- 2009 Patricia Turner Award for Sculpture
- 2008 Peter Rippon Travel Award

COLLECTIONS

Saatchi Collection Glenfiddich Collection Swiss Life

