

SUE MANN

Contemporary abstract drawings inspired by architecture

North Yorkshire, UK

Artist Statement

Inspired by architectural light, I make drawings that respond to light. I am interested in how built environments shape us and make drawings in response to architecture to explore how interior spaces make us feel. Handling material through the rhythm of drawing exposes sensory responses that bring unexpected aspects to light, making connections and prompting conversations. Recent work comprises layers of contemporary abstract drawings activated by light in the space. The translucent layers of drawings interact with each other in response to rhythms of light, gradually altering the character of the work, revealing different aspects over time.

Projects

2023 Drawing Together with Art Licks and Next Steps | 2022 Art Licks Residency with AHH Studio Collective on North York Moors | 2022 Studio Residency at AHH Studio Collective, Malton | 2021 Drawing Together (online) | 2021 Lockdown and Light (online) | 2018-20 AA2A Residency at York St John University, York | 2016 Illuminate York at York St John University | 2016 DRAW! at York Art Gallery | 2015 Stonebow House, York | 2015 National Trust Residency at Goddards, York

Residency Exhibitions

2022 Art Licks Work in Progress, North York Moors | 2016-17 York Art Gallery, York | 2015 Goddards Reimagined, National Trust at Goddards, York

Group Exhibitions

2023 RBSA Drawing Prize, RBSA Gallery, Birmingham | 2023 LIGHT, Scott Creative Arts Foundation, Thirsk, then Lawrence Batley Theatre, Huddersfield | 2023 Body-Architect, Norman Rea Gallery, University of York | 2023 Open Artspace, Old Parcels Office, Scarborough | 2021 Definitions of Drawing, Sunny Bank Mills Gallery, Leeds | 2019 Fronteer Open, 35 Chapel Walk Gallery, Sheffield | 2018 Forms Assembled in the Light, Sunny Bank Mills Gallery, Leeds | 2016 See:Saw, York St John University, York | 2015 Relish, The New School House Gallery, York

Awards | Publicity

2023 Finalist Scott Creative Arts Foundation Emerging Artist Award | 2021-23 Axis New Art Highlights | 2022 Artist Support Pledge Profile | 2022 a-n Artist Bursary | 2016 a-n Degree Show Guide | 2016 Vice Chancellor's Faculty of Arts Medal | 2016 Fine Art Programme Prize | 2015 Fine Art Dissertation Prize for Handling Histories

Education

2016 BA (Hons) Fine Art, York St John University, Class I

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