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# JAMES HUGONIN

James Hugonin makes paintings composed of marks of close toned colour with an underlying grid, each mark shifting slightly from it's neighbour and building to a rhythmic whole. These are deeply subtle paintings with an understated clarity: quietly musical and filled with a kind of contained light that relates keenly to the place in which they are made. There is a slow and deliberate colour notation that forms an integral part of the making of each work. As Michael Harrison (Former Director of Kettle's Yard, Cambridge) observed, "the paintings carry with them that pace, that slowness, that sense of time. They ask us to slow down, and to look, and to settle as we would listen to a piece of music, allowing time to take effect – to acknowledge that, for all their quietness and stillness, our relationship to them is one of continual change".

A selection of Hugonin's work was shown at the De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea which then toured to BALTIC, Gateshead in 2006. In 2010, Hugonin completed a commissioned stained glass window in St John's Chapel in Northumberland and Ingleby Gallery presented a survey exhibition of eight paintings spanning a twenty-year period. Ingleby Gallery presented a major solo exhibition celebrating the completion of the artist's *Binary Rhythm* series of paintings in the Autumn of 2015.

Hugonin's work has been exhibited is included in many collections including the Arts Council of England, the National Gallery of Wales, the Tate Gallery and the Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

## Biography

1950	Born in Barnard Castle, County Durham, UK
1970-71	Winchester School of Art, UK
1971-74	West Surrey College of Art & Design, UK
1974-75	Chelsea School of Art, London, UK
1998-02	Associate Research Fellow, Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne
2001-	Associate Professor, Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne

Lives and works in Northumberland

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

2015	<i>Binary Rhythm: Paintings 2010-2015</i> Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK (Including special concert <i>Binary Rhythm: Music for James Hugonin Paintings</i> performed by Ruth Wall and Sam Grant, 30 October 2015.)
2010	Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
2007	<i>James Hugonin &amp; Howard Skempton</i> , Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
2006	<i>And Our Eyes Scan Time</i> , De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea, UK touring to BALTIC, Gateshead, UK
2002	Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK

- 1997 Marlene Eleini Gallery, London, UK
- 1996 Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, UK  
Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, UK  
Cairn Gallery, Nailsworth, UK
- 1994 Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield, UK
- 1993-94 Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
- 1993 Berwick Gymnasium Art Gallery, Berwick-upon-Tweed, UK  
Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
- 1991 Serpentine Gallery, London, UK
- 1990 Pier Art Gallery, Stromness, Orkney, UK
- 1987 Galerie Hoffmann, Friedberg, Germany
- 1986 Cairn Gallery, Nailsworth, UK
- 1985 Coracle Gallery, London, UK  
Graeme Murray Gallery, Edinburgh, UK  
Artspace, Aberdeen, UK  
Bede Gallery, Jarrow, UK
- 1983/4 Murdoch Lothian Gallery, Liverpool, UK
- 1983 Galerie Brigitte Hilger, Aachen, Germany
- 1980 Moira Kelly Gallery, London, UK  
St Paul's Gallery, Leeds, UK
- 1979 Sunderland Arts Centre, Sunderland, UK  
Sally East Gallery, London, UK

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2016 *Material Considerations*, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2015 White Rabbit Collection, Sydney, Australia  
*Patterns of Abstraction*, John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2014 *Walk On: From Richard Long to Janet Cardiff – 40 Years of Art Walking*, Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, UK  
*Chance Finds Us*, Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art, Middlesbrough, UK  
*Face Time: The Art Room*, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2013 *Once upon a time and a very good time it was...*, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK  
*Walk On – From Richard Long to Janet Cardiff*, touring exhibition including PMG, London and Aberdeen Art Gallery, Aberdeen, UK (-2014)  
*Touching Colour*, Hatton Gallery, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

- A Collector's Eye: Contemporary Art from the Van Hulten Collection*, Museum Belvedere, Heerenveen, Netherlands
- 2012 Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London, UK (invited artist)
- 2011 *Northern Art Prize 2011*, Leeds Art Gallery, Leeds, UK  
*Artists for Kettle's Yard*, Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, UK  
*Royal Academy Summer Exhibition*, Royal Academy, London, UK (invited artist)
- 2009 *Building with Colour*, Gallery North, Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
- 2008 *Conversations*, Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, UK  
*Creativity Never Rests – The Ronnie Duncan Collection*, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK
- 2006 *And our eyes scan Time - James Hugonin & Ian Stephenson*, BAL TIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, UK / De La Warr Pavillion, East Sussex, UK
- 2005 *The Art of White*, Lowry, Salford, UK  
*Fieldnotes & Sketchbooks*, Aberdeen City Art Gallery, Aberdeen, UK
- 2004 *Surface Tensions*, Norwich Castle, Norwich, UK
- 2003 *White*, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK  
*Konstruktive kunst aus England*, Stadtbücherie Niebüll, Germany
- 2002 *Abstraction*, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
- 2001-02 *Bezugssysteme*, Galerie Hoffmann, Friedberg, Germany
- 2001 *It must be Abstract, It Must Change, It Must Give Pleasure*, The Collections of Ronnie Duncan and Greville Worthington, York City Art Gallery, York, UK  
*British Abstract Painting 2001* Flowers East Gallery, London, UK
- 2000 *Fourfold*, Gorcum Museum, Gorinchem, Netherlands
- 1999 *Jerwood Painting Prize*, Jerwood Gallery, London, UK  
*Hommage to Vordemberge-Gildewart*, Kunsthau Dominikanerkirche, Osnabrück, Germany
- 1998 *Geometric Abstraction*, Galerie Konstruktiv Tendens, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1997 *A Quality of Light*, Tate Gallery, St Ives, UK
- 1996 *British Abstract Art*, Flowers East Gallery, London, UK
- 1995 *The Science of Vision*, Hatton Gallery, University of Newcastle, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
- 1990 *Now to the Future*, Hayward Gallery, London, UK  
*New North*, Tate Gallery, Liverpool, UK (touring)
- 1989 *The Experience of Painting*, Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK (touring)
- 1988 *The Presence of Painting*, Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield, UK (touring)
- 1987 Galerie Lüpke, Frankfurt, Germany

- 1986            *A Painterly Approach - Artists in Print*, Northern Centre for Contemporary Art, Sunderland, UK  
*Ode for Basil Bunting*, Imprints, London UK
- 1984            *Repeat*, Coracle Gallery, London, UK  
Galerie Hoffman, Friedberg, Germany
- 1981-2           Constructed Images, Arts Council of England, UK (touring)
- 1979            Toby Cobbold Easter Arts 2nd National Exhibition, Cambridge, UK
- 1977            Cleveland International Drawing Biennale III, Middlesbrough, UK

### **Selected Commissions**

- 2010            *Contrary Rhythm (Glass)*, stained glass window, Church of St John's Healey, Northumberland, UK

### **Selected Public Collections**

Arts Council of England, London, UK  
Arthur Andersen Associates, London, UK  
Bodleian Library, Oxford, UK  
Contemporary Art Society, London, UK  
Deutsche Bank, London, UK  
Fidelity, London, UK  
Global Asset Management, London, UK  
Government Art Collection, London, UK  
Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK  
Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, UK  
Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art, Middlesbrough, UK  
Mondriaanhuis Archive '90 Collection, Amersfoort, Netherlands  
Nomura International, Paris, France  
Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK  
Sheffield City Art Galleries, Sheffield, UK  
Simmons and Simmons, London, UK  
Tate Gallery, London, UK  
Towner Art Gallery, Eastbourne, UK  
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK  
National Museums of Wales/National Gallery of Wales, Cardiff, UK  
White Rabbit Gallery, Sydney, Australia

### **Selected Publications**

- 2015            *Binary Rhythm: Paintings 2010-2015*, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
- 2014            *Chance Finds Us*, Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art, UK
- 2013            *A Collector's Eye: Contemporary Art from the Van Hulten Collection*, Museum Belvedere,  
Heerenveen, Netherlands
- 2010            *James Hugonin*, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
- 2009            *Building with Colour*, Arts and Social Sciences Academic Press, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

- 2006 *James Hugonin – And Our Eyes Scan Time*, De La Warr Pavilion Trust Ltd, East Sussex, UK
- 2002 *James Hugonin – Paintings*, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
- 1996 *James Hugonin*, Martin Kemp, Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, UK
- 1985 *James Hugonin Paintings 1980-1984*, Essay by Thomas A. Clark, Artspace Gallery, Aberdeen, UK
- 1984 *James Hugonin*, Thomas A. Clarke, Murdoch Lothian Gallery, Liverpool, UK