

ROGER ACKLING

Like his friends and colleagues Richard Long and Hamish Fulton, Roger Ackling belongs to the generation of artists who graduated from St Martin's School of Art in the 1960s with a sense of the possibility of taking art out of the studio. Sculpture, they decided, could be anything they wanted it to be: a walk though the Cairngorms, a bicycle ride through France or - in Ackling's case - a small piece of found wood marked by the sun.

Ackling used the same method to create all of his work: focusing sunlight through a handheld magnifying glass to draw onto pieces of discarded wood or scraps of card that he rescues from the edges of our everyday lives. It is an intense and meditative process; each mark measures the existence of a ray of light on its passage to earth from a source many millions of miles away. The resulting works have a weight and strength; a sombre stillness, which belies their, often, small scale and everyday origins. They have the power to transform the environment they inhabit: making quiet interventions that subtly alter the space around them. Ackling's work urges a renewed awareness of the small; the silent; the marginal; the overlooked.

Biography

1947 Born Isleworth, London, UK

1966-68 B.A. Fine Art, St Martin's College of Art, London, UK

Roger Ackling died in June, 2014.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2014	My Roger Ackling,	Cairn Gallery, Pitten	weem, UK
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2013 Sundays, Peter Foolen Editions, Eidhoven, The Netherlands

2012 Von Lintel Gallery, New York, USA

Galerie Josine Bokhoven, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK Galerie Inga Kondeyne, Berlin, Germany Rosa Turetsky Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland

2011 The Holly Stubbings Gallery, Norwich, UK

Galerie Michael Sturm, Stuttgart, Germany Cairn Gallery, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, UK

Galerie Peter Lindner, Vienna, Austria The Anteros Arts Foundation, Norwich, UK

Roger Ackling: Down to Earth, Chelsea Space, London, UK

Cairn, Pittenweem, Fife, UK

Sunlight, Norwich University College of the Arts (N.U.C.A.), Norwich, UK

Charles Booth-Clibborn, London, UK *Down to Earth*, Chelsea Space, London

2010 Galerie Elvira Gonzalez, Madrid, Spain

The Cut Arts Centre, Halesworth, Suffolk, UK

Galerie Gisèle Linder, Basel, Switzerland Schmidt Contemporary Art, Missouri, USA

New Cut Arts, Halesworth, UK

2009 Imprints-Galerie, Le Vieux Village, France

Galerie Lydie Rekow, Crest, France Tadeshi Takahashi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan Concept Space, Shibukawa, Gunma, Japan

Sleeper, Edinburgh, UK Pier Arts Centre, Orkney, UK R2, Takasaki, Gunma, Japan

2008 Verein allerArt, Bludenz, Austria

Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK

2007 Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK

Konstruktiv Tendens, Stockholm, Sweden Rosa Turetsky Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland Unique Space, Geneva, Switzerland

2006 Little Sculptures, Galerie Peter Lindner, Vienna, Austria

Sundays, Galerie Gisèle Linder, Basel, Switzerland

Von Lintel Gallery, New York, USA Annandale Galleries, Sydney, Australia

2005 Concept Space, Shibukawa, Gunma, Japan

Galerie Josine Bokhoven, Amsterdam, The Netherlands Rabley Contemporary Drawing Centre, Wiltshire, UK

2004 Crawford Arts Centre, St Andrews, UK

Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK Victoria Munroe, Boston, USA

Reason To Believe, Crawford Arts Centre, St Andrews, UK

2003 Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK

Galerie Michael Sturm, Stuttgart, Germany Von Lintel Gallery, New York, USA Galeria Elvira Gonzalez, Madrid, Spain

2002 Rosa Turetsky Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland

Von Lintel Gallery, New York, USA Concept Space, Shibukawa, Gunma, Japan

Nob Gallery, Aichi, Japan

Galerie Elvira Gonzalez, Madrid, Spain Annadale Galleries, Sydney, Australia Gallery New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

Temporary Space, Hokkaido, Japan

Michael Sturm Galerie, Stuttgart, Germany

2001 Annandale Galleries, Sydney, Australia

Nob Gallery, Aichi, Japan

Charles Booth-Clibborn, London, UK

Cairn Gallery, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, UK

Sleeper, Edinburgh, UK

Galerie Peter Lindner, Vienna, Austria

2000 Galerie von Lintel & Nusser, Munich, Germany

Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield, UK Galerie Gisèle Linder, Basel, Switzerland Galerie Lydie Rekow, Crest, France Ballinglen Arts Foundation, Mayo, Ireland Sculpture at Schoenthal Monastery, Langenbruck, Switzerland Von Lintel Gallery, New York, USA

1999 Galerie Josine Bokhoven, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Rosa Turetsky Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich, UK

Henie Onstad Museum, Oslo, Norway

1997 Mead Gallery, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK

Angel Row Gallery, Nottingham, UK

Inverleith House, Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh, UK

Peninsula, Eindhoven, The Netherlands Galerie Peter Lindner, Vienna, Austria

1996 Cairn Gallery, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, UK

Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama, Japan (with Hamish Fulton)

Galerie Gisèle Linder, Basel, Switzerland

White Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1995 Second Floor Space, Reykjavik, Iceland

Palais Thurn und Taxis, Bregenz, Austria

Plymouth Arts Centre, Devon, UK

Galerie Thomas von Lintel, Munich, Germany

P.P.O.W., New York, USA

Concept Space, Shibukawa, Gunma, Japan

Low Bet, Geneva, Switzerland White Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1994 H.S. Steinek, Vienna, Austria

Galerie Gisèle Linder, Basel, Switzerland Galerie Lydie Rekow, Crest, France Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK

Rosa Turetsky Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland

1993 Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, USA

Galerie Josine Bokhoven, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Galerie Laage-Salomon, Paris, France White Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Concept Space, Shibukawa, Gunma, Japan

R2, Takasaki, Gunma, Japan

1992 Laura Carpenter Fine Art, Santa Fe, USA

Angles Gallery, Santa Monica, USA

1991 Galerie Laage-Salomon, Paris, France

Ann Westin Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden

White Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Concept Space, Shibukawa, Gunma, Japan

R2, Takasaki, Gunma, Japan

Charles Booth-Clibborn, London, UK Galerie Lydie Rekow, Crest, France Galerie Renée Ziegler, Zurich, Switzerland Centre d'Art Contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland

1990 Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK

Vaughan & Vaughan, Minneapolis, USA Cairn Gallery, Nailsworh, Gloucestershire, UK

1989 Concept Space, Shibukawa, Gunma, Japan

White Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan P.P.O.W., New York, USA

Graeme Murray Gallery, Edinburgh, UK

1988 Musée d'Arles, Cloitres de St. Trophime, France

1987 Juda Rowan Gallery, London, UK

Gillespie-Laage-Salomon, Paris, France

White Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan Barn Gallery, Lincoln, UK

1986 Howard Gardens Gallery, Cardiff, UK

Association Silo, Centre de Creation Contemporaine, Val-de-Vesle, France

Cairn Gallery, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, UK

Amano Gallery, Osaka, Japan White Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Concept Space, Shibukawa, Gunma, Japan

1985 Amano Gallery, Osaka, Japan

White Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Concept Space, Shibukawa, Gunma, Japan

1984 Gillespie-Laage-Salomon, Paris, France

Lisson Gallery, London, UK Amano Gallery, Osaka, Japan Kumo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan Francoise Lambert, Milan, Italy

Bradbury and Birch Fine Art, London, UK

1983 Coracle Press, London, UK

Amano Gallery, Osaka, Japan RYO Gallery, Kyoto, Japan Kumo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan Coracle Press, London, UK

1982 Françoise Lambert, Milan, Italy

1981 Lisson Gallery, London, UK

Coracle Press, London, UK Front Room, London, UK

Gillespie-Laage-Salomon, Paris, France Galerie Loyse Oppenheim, Nyon, Switzerland

1980 Front Room, London, UK

Cairn Gallery, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, UK

1979 Marina Urbach, New York, USA

Gillespie-Laage, Paris, France Lisson Gallery, London, UK Graeme Murray, Edinburgh, UK

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Gillespie-Laage, Paris, France

Graeme Murray Gallery, Edinburgh, UK

1977 Lisson Gallery, London, UK

1976 L.C.F. Gallery, London, UK

Lisson Gallery, London, UK

Selected Group Exhibitions

2014	David Blackaller and Roger Ackling: Sundays, sleeper, Edinburgh, UK Abstract Drawing, Drawing Room, London, UK
2013	Inner Focus, Anthony Slayter-Ralph fine art, Santa Barbara, CA, USA Uncommon Ground: Land Art in Britain 1966-79, Hayward Touring group exhibition, Southampton Art Gallery, Southampton, UK, and tours to: The National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, UK; Mead Gallery, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK; Longside Gallery, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Yorkshire, UK
2010	Landmark, Salthouse 10, Salthouse Church, Salthouse, UK From Floor To Sky - British Sculpture and the Studio Experience, Ambika P3, University of Westminster, London, UK
2008	Conversations, Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, UK Circlo, Galería Elvira González, Madrid, Spain Landscape and Geometry, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK Open Traveling Museum in Edinburgh, Tent Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
2007	Hands On, Hands Off, Ingleby Gallery, Edinburgh, UK Underground, Shoreditch Town Hall, London, UK Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, Cumbria, UK
2006	$ALCHEMY: 12\ Contemporary\ Artists\ Exploring\ the\ Essence\ of\ Photography,\ Harewood\ House,\ Leeds\ and\ touring\ to;\ Purdy\ Hicks\ Gallery,\ London;\ Abbot\ Hall\ Art\ Gallery,\ Kendal,\ Cumbria\ ;\ Djanogly\ Art\ Gallery,\ Unversity\ of\ Nottingham,\ Nottingham,\ UK\ (-2007)$ $Roger\ Ackling\ /\ Richard\ Long:\ 1+1=2,\ Von\ Lintel\ Gallery,\ New\ York,\ USA$ $Summertime,\ Galerie\ Gisèle\ Linder,\ Basel,\ Switzerland$ $Zeichnung\ 06,\ Galerie\ Lidner,\ Vienna,\ Austria$ $Parallel\ Visions\ 11-Outsider\ and\ Insider\ Art\ Today,\ Galerie\ St.\ Etienne,\ New\ York,\ USA$ $Definite\ Articles,\ Vertigo\ Gallery,\ London\ ,\ UK$
2005	Geometrisk Abstraktion XXIV, Kunstruktiv Tendens, Stockholm, Sweden Elements of Abstraction: Space, Line and Interval in Modern British Art, Southampton City Art Gallery, Southampton, UK Raised Awareness, Tate Modern, London, UK Controlled, Bury St Edmunds Art Gallery, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, UK
2004	Wall Projects and Drawings, The Drawing Room, New York, USA Roger Ackling und Hanns Schimansky, Galerie Inga Kondeyne, Berlin, Germany Geometrisk Abstraktion XXIV, Konstruktiv Tendens, Stockholm, Sweden Ourboros the Music of the Spheres, Centre of Contemporary Art, Glasgow, UK
2003	On General Release, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, UK Roger Ackling, Jonathan Stollar, Galerie Gisèle Linder, Basel, Switzerland
2002	The Great Divide, Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh, UK Signatures of the Invisible, Centro de Arte Moderna José de Azeredo Perdigåo, Lisbon, Portugal Peinture et Photographie, Gabrielle Salomon – Art Conseil, Paris, France
2001	Geometrisk, Konstruktiv Tendens, Stockholm, Sweden
2000	Nature & Urbanisme 11, Gabrielle Salomon – Art Conseil, Paris, France Horror Vacuui, Mark Moore Gallery, Santa Monica, CA, USA
1999	Art - marking time in the landscape, Angel Row Gallery, Nottingham, UK Nature/Process, University of California Art Gallery, California, USA Primary Source, University of Massachusetts – Amherst Fine Arts Center, Massachusetts, USA
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 ${\it Small is Beautiful Part XVI: Music}, Flowers East, London, UK$

1998-99

1997 The Quality of Light, Tate St. Ives, Cornwall, UK

Treasure Island, Centro de Arte Moderna José de Azeredo Perdigão, Lisbon, Portugal

1994 Fine Lines, Anthony Slayter-Ralph Gallery, Santa Barbara, California, USA

In Pursuit of Lost Time, Barbara Krakow Gallery, Boston, USA

1992 One form, one surface, one volume, Galerie Gisèle Linder, Basel, Switzerland

1991 Archeology into Art, Eastbourne, UK (touring exhibition)

Norfolk Portfolio: Recent Work by Roger Ackling, Anthony Benjamin, Derrick Greaves, Norwich Castle

Museum, Norwich, UK

Dessins d'une Collection, Movement 5, FRAC, Picardie, France

White Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Modern Drawings, Anthony Slayter-Ralph Gallery, New York, USA

1990 The Journey 1990, Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln, UK

Territories II, Musée de Beaux Arts, Reims, France

1988/89 Private Eyes, Camden Art Centre, London, UK

Victoria Miro Gallery, London, UK

Le Reveil de la Nature, Helsinki Art Hall, Helsinki, Finland

Britannica, Trente ans de Sculpture, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Le Havre, touring to Museum Van Hedendaagse Kunst, Antwerp, Belgium, and Centre d'Art Contemporain Midi-Pyrenees, Labege-

Innopole, Toulouse, France

Roger Ackling, David Nash, Diane Samuels, Mincher/Wilcox Gallery, San Francisco, USA

1967 Although We Are Painting Now, Ealing Art School, London, UK

Four European Film Makers, ICA, London, UK

Avantgarde Film, ICA, London, UK Young Contemporaries/Film, London, UK

1968 Zwemmers Summer Show, London, UK

1977 Six British Artists, Museum of Fine Art, Pretto, New York, organised by the Lisson Gallery

European and American Drawing, Gillespie-Laage Gallery, Paris, France

Miniatures, Coracle Press, London, UK Whitechapel Open, London, UK Annina Weber Gallery, New York, USA

1978 Foundlings, Coracle Press, London, UK

1979 Recent Acquisitions of Southampton Art Gallery, exhibited at the Mayor Gallery, London, UK

Europa 79 - Art of the 80's - Survey of New European Art, Düsseldorf, Germany

Summer Show, Lisson Gallery, London, UK Drawing, Gillespie-Laage Gallery, Paris, France

Drawings from Outer Hebrides, London College of Furniture Gallery, London, UK

1980 Opening Show, Lisson Gallery, London, UK

Nuova Image, Triennale, Milan, Italy
XVI Venice Biennale Aperto, Venice, Italy

Toulon Biennale, Toulon, France

Selected Works, Graeme Murray Gallery, Edinburgh, UK

Whitechapel Open, London, UK

British Art 1946-80, Hayward Gallery, London, UK Five Work Caps, Coracle Press, London, UK

1981 Contemporary Art and Music, Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh, UK

Selected Works, Lisson Gallery, London, UK

Graeme Murray Artists at St. Paul's Gallery, Leeds, UK Contemporary Art, Orchard Gallery, Londonderry, Ireland American and British Art, Gillespie-Laage, Paris, France Bienale Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil

1982 A Mansion of Many Chambers, Arts Council Touring Exhibition, curated by David Brown

Recent Acquisitions of the Arts Council Collection, National Theatre, London, UK Aspects of British Art Today, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Tokyo and touring Japan

10th Anniversary, L.Y.C. Museum, Cumbria, UK, selected by David Nash Studio F Ten Years of Painting, Chelsea Art School Gallery, London, UK

English Books, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, Germany

1983 III Biennale European Graphic Art, Baden-Baden, Germany

Through Children's Eyes, Southampton City Art Gallery, Southampton, UK

Art and the Land, Rochdale Art Gallery, UK

1983 Eleven Artists, London College of Furniture Gallery, London, UK

L'Objet Defeu, Gabrielle Maubrie, Paris, France

Works on Paper, British Council Touring Exhibition, UK Works on Loan, Graeme Murray Gallery, Edinburgh, UK Constructed Images, Arts Council Touring Exhibition

World Print Biennale, San Francisco, USA

Whitechapel Open, London, UK

Contemporary Choice, Serpentine Gallery, London, UK

1984 Six Artists, Metropolitan Gallery, London, UK

Selected Works, Herefordshire Museum, Herefor, UK

Survey of Fire, Chalons sur Marne Museum, Region Champagne-Ardennes, France Second Nature, curated by Commong Ground, Newlyn Art Gallery, Cornwall, UK

Three Galleries, Serpentine Gallery, London, UK Selected Work, Warwick Arts Trust, Coventry, UK

1985 Seven Artists, London College of Furniture Gallery, London, UK

Promenade - Outside Sculpture, Geneva, Switzerland

Carta, Fonds Regionaux D'Art Contemporania Champagne-Ardennes, touring exhibition

Papier/Dechirure, M.J.C. Les Hauts de Beueville, Paris, France

Common Ground, Ecology Centre, London, UK Landscape Interiors, Coracle Press, London, UK

1986 Orchard Gallery, Londonderry, Ireland

Un Aspect Des Collection du Fonds Regional D'Art Contemporain Bretagne, Rennes, France

Overland, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, UK Landscape, Kettles Yard Gallery, Cambridge, UK

1987 The Unpainted Landscape, Scottish Arts Council, touring exhibition

Coon Selected Works, Cairn Gallery, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, UK

Book Works, Jonah Jones, Artists Market, London, UK

Selected Public Collections

Arts Council of Great Britain, UK
Association Silo, Val-de-Vesle, France
Ballinglen Foundation, Ireland
British Council, UK
British Museum, London, UK
Centre d'Art Contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland
Century American Corporation, Chicago, USA
Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museum, Cheltenham, UK
Contemporary Arts Society, London, UK
Fifth Floor Foundation, New York, USA
First National Bank of Chicago, Chicago, USA
Fogg Art Museum, Boston, USA

Fonds National d'Art Contemporain, Paris, France

Fonds National d'Art Contemporain, Picardie, France

Fonds Regional d'Art Contemporain, Champagne, France

Fonds Regional d'Art Contemporain, Normandie, France

Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh, UK

Furkart, Furkapasshöhe, Switzerland

Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

Hiroshima Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima, Japan

Hood Museum of Art, New Hampshire, USA

John and Catherine MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, USA

Kreissparkasse, Reutlingen, Germany Kunstmusem Basel, Basel, Switzerland Kunstmuseum, Zurich, Switzerland

Kunstmuseum, Vienna, Austria

Ministère de la Culture de la Region, Bretagne, France

Musée d'Arles, Cloitres de St. Trophime, France

Musée de Grenoble, Grenoble, France

Museo Cantonale d'Arte (Panza di Biumo collection), Lugano, Switzerland

Museo de Arte Contemporaneo Esteban Vicente, Segovia, Spain

Museum Biedermann, Donaueschingen, Germany

Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany Museum Moderner Kunst, Vienna, Austria

Museum of Contemporary Art, Geneva, Switzerland

Naples Museum of Art, Naples, Florida, USA

National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland

Norwich University College of the Arts (N.U.C.A.), Norwich, UK

Palais Thurn und Taxis, Bregenz, Austria

The Pier Arts Centre, Stromness, Orkney, UK

S.A.F.N., Reykjavík, Iceland

Schoental Monastery, Switzerland

Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, UK

Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

S.O.N.S. Museum, Kruishoutem, Belgium

Southampton City Art Gallery, Southhampton, UK

Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Tate Gallery, London, UK

Tokyo Metropolitan Museum, Tokyo, Japan

U.B.S Bank of Switzerland, Switzerland

University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK

Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK

Vienna National Film Library, Vienna, Austria

Palais Thurn und Taxis, Bregenz, Austria

Wakayama Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama, Japan

Selected Publications

2006	Underground; Roger Ackling, Liverpool Moores University, UK
2005	Definite Article: Roger Ackling, Eric Butcher, Marc Vaux, Cathy Wade, With introduction and essays
	by Eric Butcher and Catherine Shearn, Toomy Tourell Gallery, Dan Francisco, USA; Vertigo, London,
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2004	Roger Ackling: Reason to Believe, Crawford Arts Centre, St Andrews, UK
2003	Roger Ackling: Things of August; Chris Yetton, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK
2002	Roger Ackling in Morai, Ishikai Project Team, Chuo-ku, Sapporo, Japan
1998	Roger Ackling: Set Aside; Kirsten Glass, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK
1997,	Roger Ackling: Black Sun, Angel Row Gallery, Nottingham; Mead Gallery, Warwick Arts Centre,
	Warwick, UK
1996	Roger Ackling & Hamish Fulton - Walking from Wakayama in the Kii Peninsula; The Museum of
	Modern Art, Wakayama, Wakayama, Japan
1995	Roger Ackling Six Works Rhone Alpes 1994, Galerie Lydie Rekow & Ecole Nationale Des Beaux Arts,
	France

1994	Flooded Margins: Roger Ackling; Annely Juda Fine Art, London, UK
1991	From Art to Archaeology; Alexandra Noble and Roger Ackling, South Bank Centre, London, UK
1991	Roger Ackling; Centre d'Art Contemporain, Genève, Switzerland
1990	Roger Ackling Works from Norfolk; Roger Ackling with an essay by Thomas Clark, Annely Juda Fine
	Art, London, UK
1987	The Unpainted Landscape, Scottish Arts Council, Edinburgh; Graeme Murray Gallery, Edinburgh;
	Coracle Press, London, UK
1984	Roger Ackling: 14 Sculptures 1984, Oliver Bradbury & James Birch Fine Art, London, UK
1980	Roger Ackling Helping Hand Drawings from the Puter (April 1980); Roger Ackling, Coracle Press &
	Lisson Gallery, London,