

ANN CHRISTOPHER Broken Time

IN CONVERSATION: WITH ANN CHRISTOPHER RA, FRBS

This is your first solo show at Gallery Pangolin, initially scheduled for 2020 and postponed for a year due to the pandemic; did the delay and circumstances have an effect on your original plan for the exhibition?

In terms of working the answer simply is yes it did. When the exhibition was first proposed I had planned to make a whole load of new sculpture but when lockdown was imposed everything stopped in my life. It was very strange psychologically and it stopped me in my tracks.

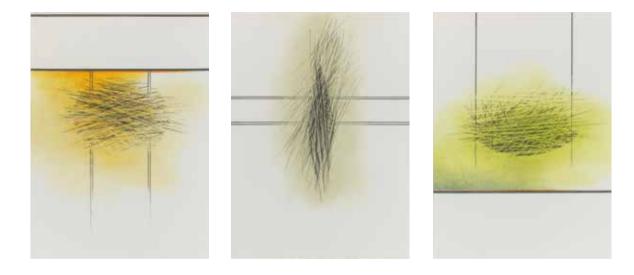
With the restrictions on travel and time allowed outside during lockdown, have you found different things were influencing your work?

I desperately missed my trips to London and visiting exhibitions; I'm sure this was the same for all artists and visual people. The isolation did have an effect, I was walking around my village searching for, craving in a sense, visual stimulation and that's where Instaaram kind of kicked in because. I was also able to enjoy, in some instances, other people's images; I was feeding off it.

My Broken Time drawings only came about by fluke! Hughie O' Donoghue, a fellow RA, proposed that all Royal Academician's do a drawing on the 1st of June, the day we would have had the Summer Exhibition varnishina day. We had to make contact and encourage each other to become part of this project and whilst emailing and phoning friends and colleagues suddenly I realised that this was my life, this was what I was about, it reconnected me with the art world and totally kick started this series of new drawings.

Your exhibition title 'Broken Time' encapsulates lockdown for all of us, was this intentional?

I collect titles, potential titles, whether they be for an exhibition and generally speaking they are for the work. I find them anywhere, something will suddenly resonate and I think that's an interesting combination of words and write them down. Broken Time was different, it first came to mind as I started to draw and then kept coming back again and again. I remember thinking it's a bit depressing, sounds a bit miserable then recognised that it's absolutely what it was! It's a section of time that has affected everybody in many different ways and so this series of drawings is what it is, it was made during broken time and it's going to be called Broken Time. It seemed appropriate to call the exhibition that because it's really centred on these new drawings.



BROKEN TIME 1, 2, 3 2020 Pastel / crayon / graphite 387 x 293 mm

There are 15 new drawings in this show; do you use your drawings as inspiration when creating your sculptures, if so will these lead to a new body of work?

No not at all, I call them works on paper rather than drawings, as drawing to me is very traditionally pencil and paper. A lot of my works on paper are layered, there are actual physical layers of paper. The *Broken Time* series aren't, but they are made using three different mediums and each mounted within the frame to cast a slight shadow. The fact that I use decal edged paper is part of what I want it to look like; I can't explain why but there's a three dimensional quality which I feel turns it into an object.

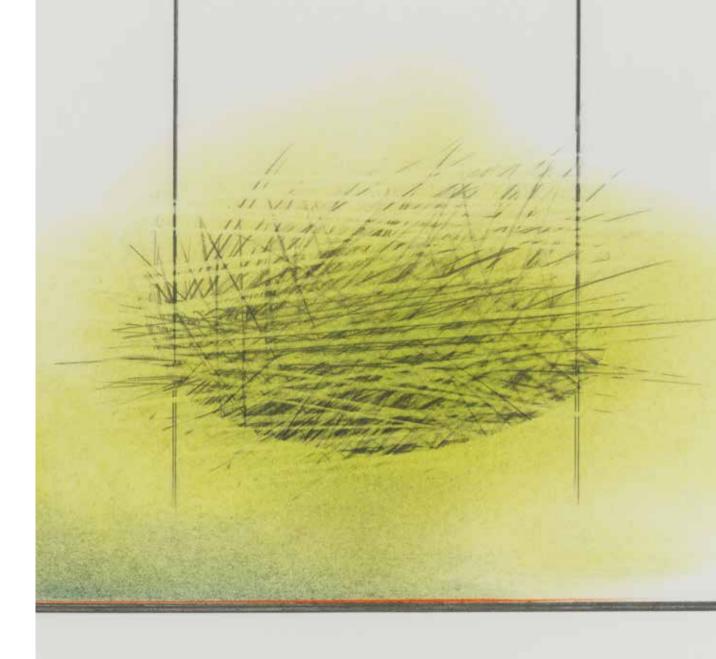
You have previously mentioned this exhibition would look at the last 10 years of your work, what has been the selection process behind your chosen pieces for the show?

I had a block on completing any new sculpture for this exhibition and so my thinking was to choose works that have a connection with the new series of works on paper. Shapes are echoed in the prints, some of them have tiny echoes in some of my sculpture. The majority of the sculptures have never been shown here, one or two of them have, but putting them together in a solo show is very different. It gives a whole new insight of what the work is about whereas if it's displayed on its own it says something completely different; they all connect in a way. To me it was a great opportunity to have a solo show, to bring a body of work together but in a different part of the country and the challenge of exhibiting in a new gallery space.

How has the gallery space affected how you have planned the exhibition?

I don't think it's limited me at all. There was one big piece that wouldn't fit in the gallery as it was too tall, so it can't and that's that! I did make a small rustic model at first which has helped me visualise the space; in a funny sort of way I could see it in my head before I made it but as it was a new space to me I needed to get some scale. I have hung numerous rooms in the Summer Exhibitions and find once you get the key positions placed you then fit around. Sometimes things have a feeling about them and are bigger than they really are; the little tiny sculpture *Floating Shadow* will be placed on its own in this show, which may sound bonkers as its only 10.2 cm high but I feel it has a huge personality and demands the space.

People say to me they don't know where they're going to place a sculpture, I tell them, don't worry, just move it around and it will tell you when it's got there, because suddenly it will just look right.



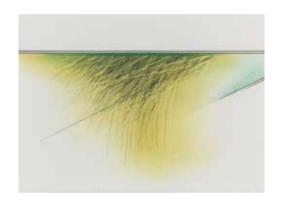


BROKEN TIME 4, 5, 6 2020 Pastel / crayon / graphite 387 x 293 mm

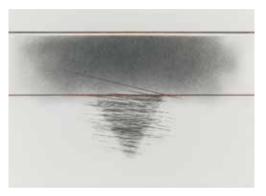








BROKEN TIME 7, 8 2020 Pastel / crayon / graphite 297 x 382 mm

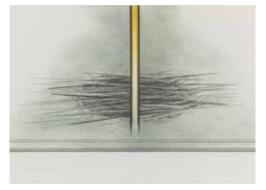


BROKEN TIME 9, 10 2020 Pastel / crayon / graphite 297 x 382 mm

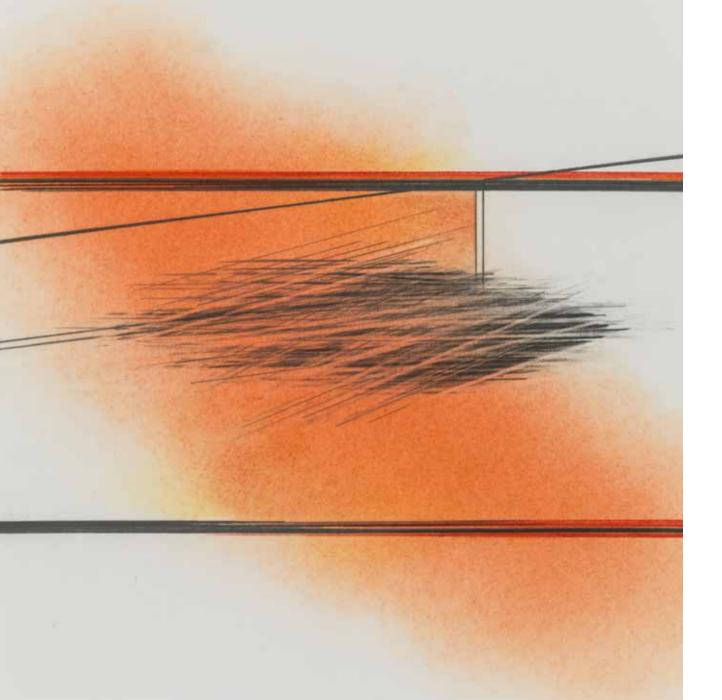


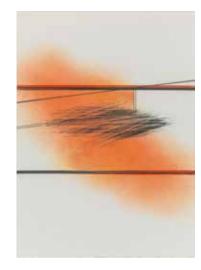






BROKEN TIME 11, 14 2021 Pastel / crayon / graphite 297 x 382 mm







BROKEN TIME 12, 13, 15 2021 Pastel / crayon / graphite 387 x 293 mm



HOLDING LINES 2019 Concrete / bronze / tyre strip / lead Unique 2400 x 630 x 500 mm







FINDING STONES -1 2019 Bronze Edition of 5 120 x 393 x 30 mm

FINDING STONES -2 2019 Bronze Edition of 5 170 x 225 x 16 mm





FINDING STONES -3 2019 Bronze Edition of 5 105 x 160 x 80 mm





FINDING STONES -4 2019 Bronze Edition of 5 110 x 215 x 70 mm



FINDING STONES -5 2019 Bronze Edition of 5 190 x 120 x 25 mm



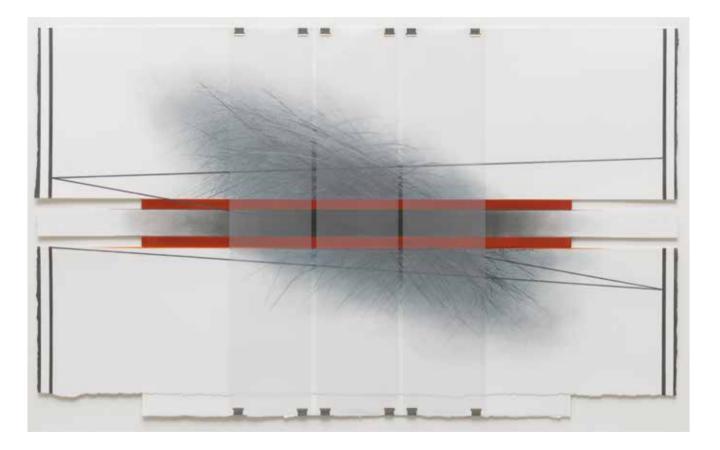




FINDING STONES -6 2019 Bronze Edition of 5 80 x 230 x 80 mm

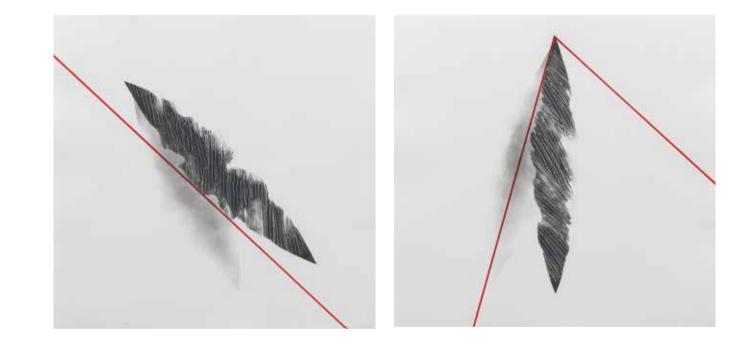
FLOATING SHADOW 2019 Sterling Silver Edition of 9 102 x 95 x 18 mm





FOLLOWING LINES 7 2019 Pastel / crayon / graphite / polyester film / stainless steel clips 645 x 1010 mm

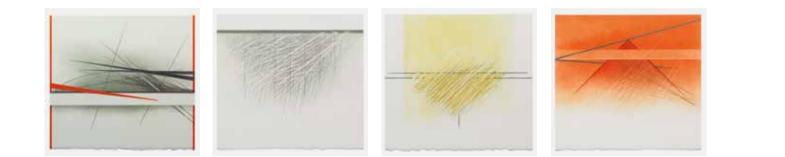


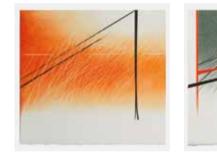


CHANGING SPACES 1, 2, 3 2018 Carborundum print hand finished / graphite / pen Edition of 15 625 x 640 mm

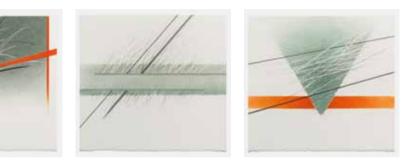


SILENT JOURNEY 2017 Bronze / aluminium Edition of 6 120 x 1300 x 70 mm





THE LINES OF TIME 10, 15, 17, 18 2016 (from a series of 27) Pastel / graphite / crayon 290 x 300 mm



THE LINES OF TIME 19, 21, 23, 25 2016 (from a series of 27) Pastel / graphite / crayon 290 x 300 mm



RESTING LINE 2013 Edition of 9 Bronze / neoprene rings 65 x 350 x 35 mm





HELD MEMORY 2013 Stainless steel Edition of 9 75 x 290 x 25 mm





FOUND LINE -1 2013 Bronze Edition of 9 200 x 72 x 30 mm FOUND LINE -2 2013 Bronze Edition of 9 134 x 100 x 20 mm









OUTSIDE THE SHADOWS 2013 9, 12, 17 / 21, 10, 4 / 1, 18, 16 (from a series of 22) Pastel / graphite / crayon / aluminium / clips 265 x 265 mm













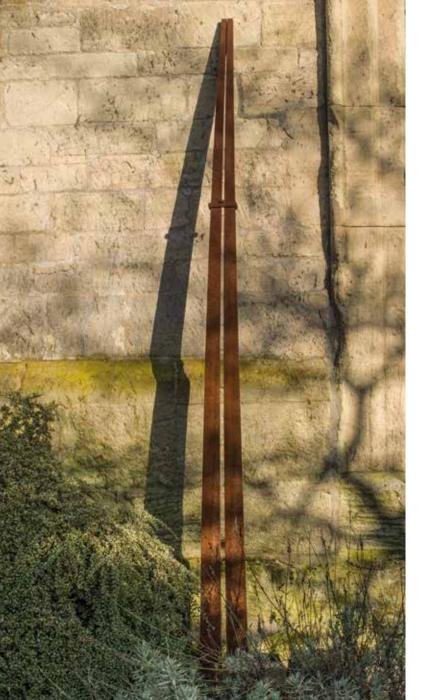








RESTLESS SHADOW 2013 Corten Edition of 3 2600 x 180 x 50 mm





LIGHT SHADOW 2012 Bronze / neoprene Edition of 9 200 x 90 x 22 mm





FROM THE EDGES OF SILENCE 2012 Bronze Edition of 7 755 x 120 x 105 mm





BEYOND ALL DISTANCE 2010 Bronze / plastic strip Edition of 6 995 x 193 x 135 mm



ANN CHRISTOPHER RA FRBS		2016	Residency at Ballinglen Arts Four Royal Academy publication – Ar
1947	Born Watford, Hertfordshire	2017/18	Residency at Ruwenzori Sculptur
1965/66	Harrow School of Art	2018	Residency at Ballinglen Arts Four
1966/69	West of England College of Art - BA Sculpture	2021	Currently lives and works near Bo
1968	Won 1st prize in Harrison-Cowley Sculpture Competition		Represented by Pangolin Londo
1971	Prizewinner in Daily Telegraph Magazine, Young Sculptors Competition		, , ,
	Received Peter Stuyvesant Award	RECENT SOLO EXHIBITIONS INCLUDE	
	First exhibited at the Royal Academy, London		
1972	Sculpture presented to Daily Telegraph Young Writer of the Year	2021	BROKEN TIME Gallery Pangolin, (
1973	Received Birds Charity Award	2019	IF YOU STOP ASKING QUESTIONS
	Arts Council Award, Thornton Bequest		EDGE + LINE Rosenberg & Co, N
1976	South West Arts Award	2018	CHANGING SPACES Ballinglen A
1977	Arts Council Grant	2018	Sculpture at Chez Bras Laguiole,
	Chantrey Bequest purchase	2016/17	ALL THE CAGES HAVE OPEN DOC
1980	Elected Associate of the Royal Academy (ARA)	2016	DRAWING – THE LINES OF TIME FI
	Contemporary Art Society purchase	2014	MARKS ON THE EDGE OF SPACE
1989	Elected Royal Academician (RA)	2013	TO KNOW WITHOUT REMEMBERIN
1992	Elected Fellow of Royal Society of British Sculptors (FRSS)	2010	MARKS ON THE EDGE OF SPACE
1994	Awarded RBS Silver Medal for Sculpture of Outstanding Merit	2007/08	THE POWER OF PLACE Sir Hugh C
1996	Frampton Award for sculpture in a public place	2004	STILL LINES Jubilee Park, Canary
	Curated 'A Sculptors Choice' Royal Academy, London		
1997	St Cuthbert's Mill print award	RECENT COMMISSIONS INCLUDE	
	Otto Beit Medal for Sculpture of Outstanding Merit		
2001	First studio residency in France	2017/18	THE SHAPE OF TIME 2m bronze for
2005	Quarter leader in Drawing Quarters a practice-based Symposium, UWE, Bristol	2017	FOLLOWING THE JOURNEY 5m re
2009	Senior coordinator Royal Academy Summer Exhibition	2007	BEYOND THE EDGE 12 x 46 cm bi
2011	Shortlisted for RIBA pylon competition (Ian Ritchie architects' team)	2004	IN THE SKY THERE IS NO EAST OR V
2012	Residency at Ruwenzori Sculpture Foundation, Uganda	2002	THE EDGE OF LIGHT 2.2m bronze
	Fellow - Ballinglen Arts Foundation, Co Mayo, Ireland	2001	SHADOW LINE 48cm bronze for '
2015	Residency at Ruwenzori Sculpture Foundation, Uganda		LINES OF TIME Multiple edition sc
	Published Drawing Lines a book of own photographs	2000/01	TOWARDS THE SKY 5.5m corten s

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ary Wharf, London

e for the Rwenzori Sculpture Foundation, Uganda

n resin/wood for RA Keepers House Garden

n bronze sculptures for Parabola Land Ltd

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ze for private site nr Albi, France

or 'New Concepts' Cass Sculpture Foundation, Goodwood

sculpture in stainless steel for Wingfield Arts, Suffolk

en sculpture at Portmarine, Portishead

SELECTED RECENT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020 2019 2017/18 2017 2016/17	Sculptors Drawings and Works on Paper Pangolin London, Kings Place, London Parallel Lines – Drawing and Sculpture The Lightbox, Woking The Sleeping Procession Cass Sculpture Foundation, Goodwood ARK Chester Cathedral (Gallery Pangolin) Small is Beautiful XXXIV Flowers, Cork Street, London
2016	Made in Uganda Museum of Uganda, Kampala Jubilee Gallery Pangolin, Chalford Lines + Colours Gustavo Bacarisas Gallery, Gibraltar
2015	Sculptors' Drawings and Prints Gallery Pangolin, Chalford Sculptors Drawings Keepers House, Royal Academy Sculpture at St Withiel Lemon St Gallery, St Withiel Small is beautiful XXXII Flowers, Cork St, London
2014	Recent Print Acquisitions' exhibition from the Golder-Thompson Gift at Pallant House Gallery, Chichester Crucible -2 Gloucester Cathedral (Gallery Pangolin) Sculptors' Jewellery Pangolin London, Kings Place, London
2013	Here, There and Somewhere in Between Hatfield House Gifted: From the Royal Academy to The Queen Queens Gallery, Buckingham Palace Small is Beautiful XXXI Flowers Gallery, Kingsland Road, London
2012	Interesting Times Leicester University Botanical Garden Sculptors Drawings + Works on Paper Pangolin London + Kings Place Gallery RA Now Burlington Gardens, Royal Academy
2011	Sculpture at The Grove Watford Women Make Sculpture Pangolin London, Kings Place, London The Force and Form of Memory Cyril Gerber Gallery, Glasgow Driven to Draw Tennant Gallery, Royal Academy
2010	Sculptors Prints and Drawings Gallery Pangolin, Chalford Sculpture Promenade 2010 Fitzewilliam Museum, Cambridge Material Lightness curated by Carol Robertson Flowers Central, London Scultura Internazionale a Racconigi 2010 Racconigi, Italy

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

ATE International, London Ballinglen Museum of Contemporary Art, Co. Mayo Ireland Bristol Schools Arts Services Bristol University British Museum, London Cass Sculpture Foundation, Goodwood Chantrey Bequest, London City of Bristol Museum & Art Gallery Contemporary Arts Society, London Corcoran Legacy Collection, American University, Washington DC Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea Granville Holdings Plc, London Grosvenor Square Properties, London Gruss & Co, New York, USA Harrison Weir Collection, London Linklaters, London Evelyn Stefansson Nef, Washington DC, USA Pallant House Gallery, Chichester Parabola Art Collection, Edinburgh Prior's Court School, Newbury Royal Academy, London Royal Collection, Windsor Castle Royal West of England Academy, Bristol Rwenzori Sculpture Foundation, Uganda Salisbury Art Gallery, The John Creasey Museum Sharjar Art Museum, UAE Talboys Bequest, Bristol Victoria Art Gallery, Bath World Wide Business Centers Inc, Philadelphia USA and private collections in Europe and USA



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