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## Cristea Roberts Gallery

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## Artist Biography

### Clare Woods (b.1972)

Clare Woods is a British contemporary artist. Her paintings are essentially concerned with sculpting an image in paint, and expressing the strangeness of an object. Woods' choice of subject matter is primarily based on an intuitive response to found photographic source material, which in recent years has moved from a fascination with subconscious expressions of anxiety in the landscape to explorations of the figure and human head, often in a metamorphic state of psychological tension.

Woods is concerned with the relevance of the art of the past to contemporary practice and significant references in her work have included Paul Nash, Jean Fautrier, Barbara Hepworth and Eduardo Paolozzi. Using oil on aluminium she manipulates qualities of flatness and three-dimensionality, twisting foreground and background to create nuanced and Surreal imagery that connects the viewer to subconscious states of mind. Woods was commissioned by the Contemporary Art Society to create a permanent ceramic mural for the London 2012 Olympic Park, and in 2015 15 x 8 metre painting for Aarhus VIA University College, Denmark.

#### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Clare Woods: The Great Unknown*, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 *If Not Now Then When*, Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany  
*Mira Dance, France-Lise McGurn & Clare Woods*, Simon Lee Gallery New York, USA
- 2019 *Doublethink*, Simon Lee Gallery, London, UK
- 2018 *Reality Dimmed*, Mead Gallery, Warwick Arts Centre, Warwick, UK  
*History in the Making*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
- 2017 *Victim of Geography*, Dundee Contemporary Arts, Dundee, UK
- 2016 *Clean Heart: A Landscape Retrospective by Clare Woods*, Hestercombe, Somerset, UK  
*Clare Woods and Des Hughes: The Sleepers*, Pallent House Gallery, UK
- 2015 *A Rock, A Tree, A Cloud, On Tour with John Piper works from The National Collection Of Wales*, Oriol Plas Glyn-y-Wedd, Pwllheli, Wales, UK  
*The Drama Triangle*, Martin Asbaek Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2014 *A Rock, A Tree, A Cloud: A Curated show with works from the Davies Collection*, The National Collection Of Wales -Oriol Davies, Wales  
*Hanging, Hollows and Holes*, Andre Buchman, Berlin  
*New works*, Rebecca Chami Gallery, Athens, Greece
- 2013 *New Works*, Martin Asbaek Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Eva Rothschild/Clare Woods: New works*, The New Art Centre, Salisbury, UK
- 2012 *The Dark Matter*, Andre Buchman, Berlin, Germany  
*Creates Aber Communities*, Arken Museum, Ishøj, Denmark

- 2011 *The Unquiet Head*, The Hepworth Wakefield, Yorkshire, UK  
*Evenings Hill*, Hampstead Heath Train Station Commission, London, UK
- 2011 *Creating The New Century*, The Dayton Art Institute, Ohio, USA
- 2010 *Topographies*, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, New York, USA  
*The Dark Monarch: Magic and Modernity in British Art*, Tate St Ives, touring to Towner Contemporary Art Museum, Eastbourne, UK  
*Tell it to the Trees*, Croft Castle Natural Trust, Herefordshire, UK
- 2009 *Cemetery Bends*, Pilar Parra & Romero, Madrid, Spain  
*Watercolours*, André Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany
- 2008 *The Prospect*, The New Art Centre, Salisbury, UK  
*The Dancing Mania*, André Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany
- 2007 Jiri Svetska Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic  
*Art Basel – Art Unlimited*, Basel, Switzerland  
Karyn Lovegrove Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2006 *Deaf mans House*, The Chisenhale Gallery, London, UK  
Pilar Parra Galeria de Arte, Madrid, Spain
- 2004 Modern Art, London, UK  
Karyn Lovegrove Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2003 *The Walls Have Eyes: Eva Rothschild/Clare Woods* Modern Art, London, UK
- 2002 *Cohan*, Leslie and Browne, New York, NY, USA
- 2000 Modern Art, London, UK
- 1997 *New Paintings*, Southampton City Art Gallery, Southampton, UK  
*Recent Paintings*, Habitat, Kings Road, London, UK

#### SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- UK Arts Council Collection, London  
British Airways Collection, London  
Government Art Collection, London  
British Council, London  
Nuffield College Collection, Oxford, UK  
The Nation Collection of Wales, Cardiff, Wales  
Southampton City Art Gallery, Southampton, UK  
Tullie House Gallery, Carlisle, UK
- CH The Ophiuchus Collection, Geneva
- DK Arken Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj
- ES CCA Andratx, Mallorca  
Colección VAC (Valencia Arte Contemporáneo), Valencia
- GR Dakis Joannou Collection Foundation, Athens
- IR Honart Museum, Tehran
- USA Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY