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Artist Biography

Ben Johnson (b. 1946)

Ben Johnson was born in Llandudno, Wales. He did his MA at the Royal College of Art, London, and held first solo exhibition in New York in 1969. Johnson's works are mainly large and highly detailed machine made pictures of architecture, buildings and cityscapes, which has led to him being the first painter to be made an honorary Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1990. His cityscapes so far have included Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Zurich and Liverpool. Johnson had his first solo exhibition of paintings at the Alan Cristea Gallery in 2010. He lives and works in London. In 2014 Johnson won the 'Threadneedle Visitors Choice Award' for his painting Room of the Revolutionary.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Architecture of London*, Guildhall Art Gallery, London, UK
50 Years of Realism - Photorealism to Virtual Reality, Bank of Brazil Culture Centre, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2018 *John Moores Painting Prize 2018*, Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, UK
- 2017 *Photorealism: 50 Years of Hyperrealistic Painting*, Kunsthal Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 2016 *Photorealism*, Musee D'ixelles Museum Van Elsene
Royal Academy Summer Show, Royal Academy, London, UK
- 2015 *Ben Johnson: Spirit of Place, Paintings 1969 – 2015*, Southampton City Art Gallery, UK
- 2014 Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
- 2013 *Photorealism*, Kunsthalle Tübingen, Germany; Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, Spain
Thirteen, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
Hyperrealism Today, Museu del Tabac, Andorra, Spain
- 2012 Norman Foster Pavilion, Venice Architectural Biennial, Venice, Italy
Beyond Reality, British Painting Today, Rudolfinum Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2011 *Ben Johnson: Modern Perspectives*, National Gallery, London, UK
- 2010 *Paintings*, Alan Cristea Gallery, London, UK
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- 2009 *Discerning Eye Exhibition*, the Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2008 *Ben Johnson's Liverpool Cityscape 2008 and the World Panorama Series*, Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, UK
- 2002 *Still Time*, Blains Fine Art, London, UK
- 2001 *Jerusalem, the Eternal City*, Chester Beatty Museum, Dublin, Ireland
- 1997 *Hong Kong Panorama 1997*, Royal Academy, London; New Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong
- 1994 *Time Present and Time Past are Both Perhaps Present in Time Future and Time Future Contained in Time Past*,

- Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
- 1992 *Paintings & Diverse Projects*, Fischer Fine Art, London, UK
- 1991 *Collaborations: Collaborative Sculpture Projects with Ove Arup & Partners*, Arup Associates and Foster Associates, London, UK
- 1990 Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, USA
- 1989 *Painting Beyond Architecture - Independent Observation*, Royal Institute of British Architects, London, UK
- 1987 *Great Engineers*, Royal College of Art, London, UK
- 1986 *Structuring Space*, Fischer Fine Art, London, UK
- 1984 *A Study in Patronage - Art, Architecture and Design*, Fischer Fine Art, London, UK
- 1978 *Paintings 1975-1978*, Fischer Fine Art, London, UK
- 1973 Institute of Contemporary Art, London, UK
- 1969 Wickesham Gallery, New York, USA

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- DE Deutsche Bank
- FR Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
- HK Special Administrative Regional Government of Hong Kong, New Convention & Exhibition Centre
- UK British Council, London
British Museum, London
City Art Gallery, Glasgow
The Contemporary Arts Society, London
The Government Art Collection National Museums, Liverpool
Museum of London, London
Victoria & Albert Museum, London
De Beers/CSO Collection, London