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HENRY HISSEY

Invisible Anchors
of Time

25 January - 24 March 2017

Henry Hussey - Invisible Anchors of Time

Henry Hussey's commanding works carry a physical and symbolic weighing. He interweaves his personal histories with the aged textiles, skilfully expressing a library of imagery derived from objects, experiences and photographs, resulting in a colourful and complex visual story.

Hussey's work, *Prodigious*, 2016, purposefully layers text, imagery and materials, 'Drawing upon tomb and burial imagery of ancient civilisations I wanted the piece to be a resting place for all those that have become forgotten. Protected by guardian beasts and inscribed quotes it gives a presence and sense of security. The Ouroboros acting as a reminder of eternity and the cyclical nature of time as though we are defenceless to the passage of it there is the reassurance of knowing that we will be remembered'.

The artist's relationship with textiles stems from the mediums power to encapsulate periods and cultures. Hussey's works portray strong narratives, which carry a lineage with his past and familial history, emphasising his fascination with storytelling and mythology. He seeks to employ a variety of techniques that are both engaging and confrontational. The juxtaposition between appliqué, screen-printed, digitally printed, traditionally dyed and embroidered textiles, form a cacophony of awe-inspiring works that are visually arresting.

A significant aspect of his practise incorporates performances which he uses as a way of evoking unexpected perceptions and reactions, thus developing a greater understanding of the way emotions are communicated through the face and body. The artist's works piece together fragments of his past, becoming visual diary entries, imprinted with bold colour and expressive figuration.

Hussey graduated from Chelsea College of Art with a BA (Hons) in 2011, completing his MA in Textiles at the Royal College of Art in 2013.

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