

Press Release



Changing Spaces

Exhibition of Artwork by London Artist

Jonathan O'Dea

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Solo Exhibition by London Artist Jonathan O'Dea

Exhibition Title: Changing Spaces
Preview Date: 9 January 2014 6 - 8pm

Exhibition Dates: 6 - 31 January 2014
Gallery: Rich Mix
Address: 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, Shoreditch, London, E1 6LA

Rich Mix is pleased to announce the dates of an exciting exhibition of artwork by East London artist, Jonathan O'Dea. The exhibition explores the physical changes to our environment and how these changes impacts on our visual culture. Jonathan's work creates new ground in what's cool and slick within urban visual culture.

The exhibition will be opened by Angela Brady, past President of Royal Institute of British Architects and Director Brady Mallalieu Architects.

At the beginning of 2012 Jonathan O'Dea began working on a unique visual art project called 'Changing Spaces' which received funding from Arts Council England and support from the Lee Valley Park Authority. The project focused on the visual impact of the development of the Olympic Park and its relation-ship with the Lee Valley Park. From this concept Jonathan produced a series of ten 3 dimensional abstract works that interact with the changing environment around the Olympic Park and its inherent connectedness to the wider context of the 26 mile long, 10,000 acre Lee Valley Regional Park. Using recycled building materials and found objects from both of these parks Jonathan created a number of wall-mounted sculptures that explore regeneration and the natural and industrial history of the area.

One of the centrepieces of the project is a 3 metre high sculpture constructed on-site from a felled tree provided by the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority. This imposing and long term sculptural work Intervention can be viewed at the Waterworks Nature Reserve in Leyton beside one of the main public footpaths leading from Waltham Forest to the nearby Olympic Park.

Jonathan's aim is to produce art that is abstract but easily accessible: "I want people to be curious about the materials and how the artwork is constructed and to link this curiosity with the physical techniques and methods used in the regeneration of brownfield sites like the Olympic Park and the revitalising of Lee Valley Regional Park. This interest is partly fuelled by working on construction sites and also by fascination in the visual impact of turning some-thing old into something new."

Jonathan's techniques and approach to art have been described as: 'bringing together new ways of working to produce some of the most interesting and engaging art you will find in London and beyond' according to the guide one of London's leading visual art events, The E17 Art Trail. This is reflected in a number of successful solo exhibitions and groups shows in Britain, Ireland and China over the past three years in particular. In 2011 Jonathan's work also gained attention at the European level and he was invited to show his work at the 12 Star Gallery at the European Commission.

About Jonathan O'Dea

Jonathan O'Dea has been professional artist for over 10 years and is a permanent fixture in the London art scene where he has contributed hugely to the cultural profile of East London. Jonathan's work has been shown in Britain, Ireland and China, and each year his work can be seen in one of London's largest annual visual arts events, The E17 Art Trail.

To see more information about Jonathan's work please visit his blog:
changingspaces2013.blogspot.co.uk

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About Rich Mix

Located in the heart of East London, Rich Mix is a charity and social enterprise that offers live music, film, dance, theatre, comedy, spoken word and a range of creative activities for people of all ages and cultures. All profits go back to support education, arts and community activities which nurture new and local talent.

For more information please visit the Rich Mix web-site <http://www.richmix.org.uk/>

About Angela Brady

Angela Brady is an architect, TV broadcaster and campaigner for quality architecture. She is immediate past president of RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects). She was born in Dublin, graduated from Bolton St, DIT Dublin School of Architecture and set up Brady Mallalieu Architects, an award winning architectural practice based in London with her partner Robin Mallalieu

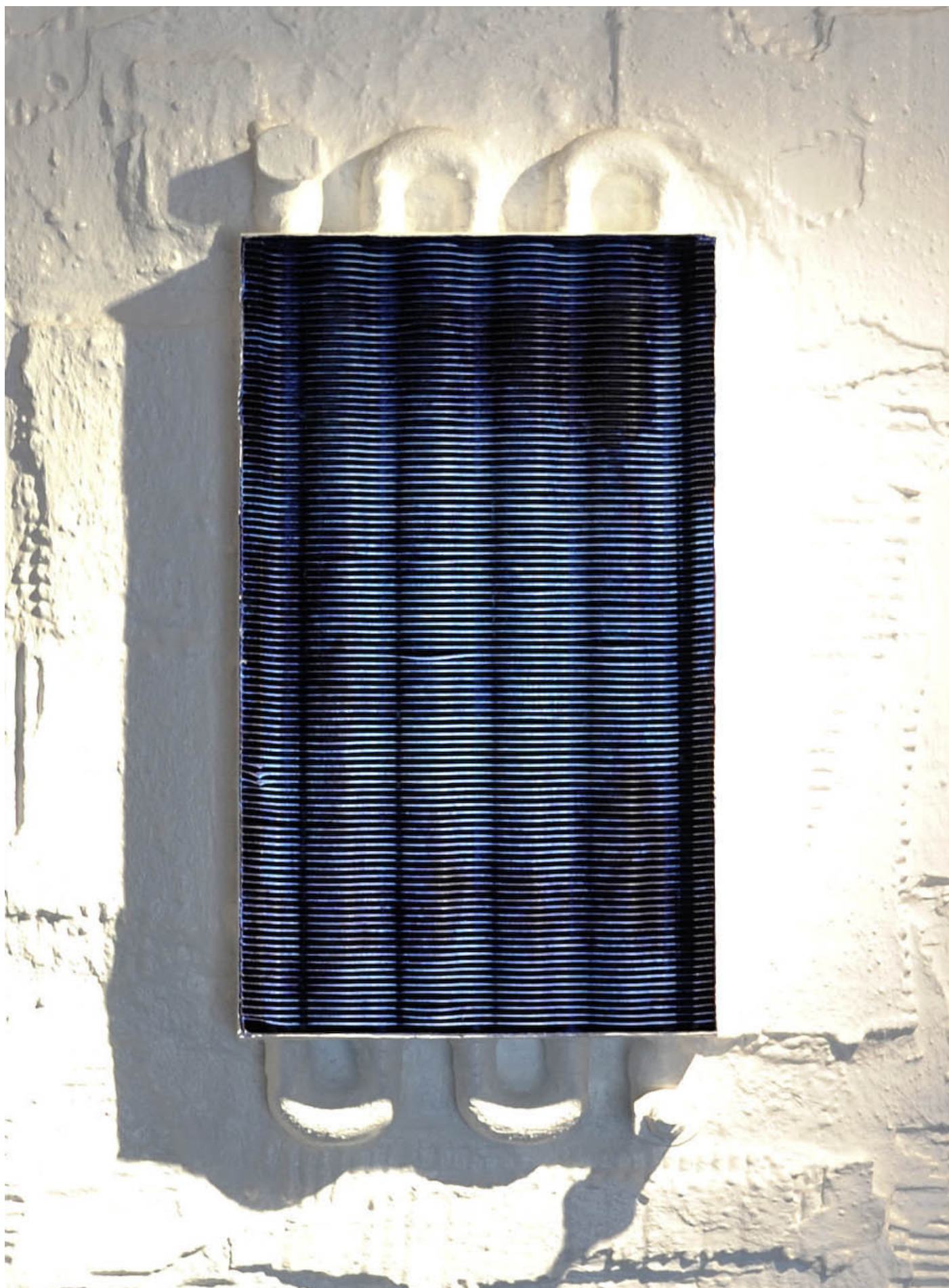
Angela presented a six-part TV series for Channel 4 - 'The Home Show' - showcasing the best architecture in six cities around Europe and is currently working on two TV architectural videos 'Designing for Champions' and the 'Role of the Architect'. She has a keen interest in art.

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Media: Mixed Media on Board
Size: 72x47cm



Title: Modification
Media: Mixed Media on Board
Size: 72x46cm