

## Russell West

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Russell West's works are composed of a multitude of media and supports, where colours, juxtapositions and forms combine for a lively and dynamic result.

West's intensely coloured, dripping paint artworks draw the eye into their three-dimensional labyrinths of layers and hollows, colours and patterns. West spends up to a year creating each work, repeatedly applying layers and strips of paint onto pieces of wire or nails, then allowing the work, in part, to be defined by the natural effects of gravity and the serendipitous movement of the paint. West's knowledge of paint- its weight and movement - is an understanding that could not be taught. He has personally developed this unique style over the last 25 years and there is no other artist to rival West's expertise in this ingenious creative technique.

Many of West's works are efforts to recreate the chaotic nature of human living conditions that he has witnessed, from the bomb-damaged houses of his childhood to the Kowloon walled city in Hong Kong, an unimaginably densely packed area that had grown to house fifty thousand people. Witnessing its demolition in 1993, the wreckers' ball revealed to West the complex honeycomb of ad-hoc structures, pipes and cabling within what he calls the "man nest".

### BIOGRAPHY

Russell West was born and raised in Portsmouth, UK, in 1964. He lives and works on the Isle of Wight. He practiced as a graphic artist until 1989 and then moved to South East Asia, spending many years working as an artist in Hong Kong - for more than 8 years - before living in the Philippines and India and finally returning to Britain.

### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2022

Palm Beach  
Art Seattle

2021

Los Angeles Art Show

2019

AAF Hong Kong

Parallax Art Fair  
London Art Fair

2018

AAF Hong Kong  
Solo Exhibition Woolff Gallery  
London Art fair  
Affordable art fair Battersea Spring collection

2017

Art Central Hong Kong, Paris, K+Y Gallery  
Russell West Solo Exhibition, London, Woolff Gallery

2016

Context Art Miami  
Art Fair Cologne  
LA Art Show  
Paris, K+Y gallery  
London Woolff Gallery

2015

8eme Avenue, Paris  
London Art Fair  
London Woolff Gallery

2014

Art Southampton  
Art Wynwood  
Art Miami  
London, Woolff Gallery

2013

Art Southampton  
Art Wynwood

Art Miami  
Scope NY  
Art Palm Beach  
Straarta  
Houston Fine Art Fair  
London, Woolff Gallery

2012  
Art Miami  
Toronto International Art Fair  
London, Woolff Gallery

2011  
Art Miami  
Toronto International Art Fair  
London, Woolff Gallery

2010  
Art Hamptons  
Art Chicago  
London, Woolff Gallery

2009  
Art Chicago  
AAF NYC  
London, Woolff Gallery

2008  
AAF Amsterdam  
Art London  
London Art Fair

2007  
AAF Amsterdam  
Art London  
AAF Battersea  
Margarate, David Lilford Fine Art

2006  
Art Ireland Autumn  
Margarate, David Lilford Fine Art

2005  
Edinburgh Art Fair  
Margate Rocks Arts Festival  
Margarate, David Lilford Fine Art  
Whitstable, sMOOch gallery  
Brussels, Eurasia gallery

2004  
London, Zizi gallery,

2002  
London, Vertigo gallery,

2001  
East 73rd gallery

2000  
London, Clapham Art Centre

1998  
London, Bruton Street gallery

1996  
Tenri Biennale, Japan Tour

1992  
FCC Hong Kong

1991  
Hong Kong, Fringe gallery

#### COLLECTIONS

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, Hong Kong  
Sun Hung Kai Property Group, Hong Kong  
Manhattan Group, Hong Kong  
Railway Arms, London  
Earls Court Car Show, London  
China Jazz, London  
Red Snapper Book Shop, London  
Margarate Rocks Contemporary Arts Festival, Margate, UK

#### PRIZES

Tenri Biennale International Sculpture Competition, Japan