# Russell West

Russel 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

Russel 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

2025
Woolff Gallery, London, UK
National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City, USA
K+Y Gallery, Paris, France
Art Market San Francisco, USA

2024
Woolff Gallery, London, UK
K+Y Gallery, Paris, France
Amsterdam Art Fair, Netherlands
Art Miami, USA

2023
K+Y Gallery, Paris, France
Art Miami, USA

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 Automn
Margarate, David Lilford Fine Art

2005
Edimburgh Art Fair
Margate Rocks Arts Festival
Margarate, David Lilford Fine Art
Whitstabble, 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 Hoetl 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