

LAURA FORD

BIOGRAPHY

- 1961 Born in Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom
1978 - 82 Bath Academy of Art, BA Hons
1982 - 83 Chelsea School of Art, MA Sculpture
1985 - 86 Travelled and lectured in India
1998 + 89 Arts Council of Great Britain Grant/Award
1989 Glasgow City of Culture Grant/Award
1993 British Council Grant/Award
1995 Henry Moore Foundation Award
2006 Scottish Arts Council Grant/Award
Lives and works in London

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 1987 Nicola Jacobs Gallery, London
1991 Benjamin Rhodes Gallery, London
Riverside Studios, London (with Hermione Wiltshire)
1992 *GOD POT*, Now 92, Castle Museum, Nottingham, England
1994 Jose Freire Project Space, New York
1996 *Not Just A Pretty Face*, Spacex, Exeter, England
1998 Camden Arts Centre, London (with Jacqui Poncelet)
1999 Wolsey Art Gallery, Ipswich, England (with Jacqui Poncelet)
Arnolfini, Bristol, England (with Jacqui Poncelet)
2001 *Desperados*, Houldsworth Gallery, London
2002 *The Great Indoors*, Salamanca Centre of Contemporary Art,
Spain
New Works, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill on Sea, England
2003 Dick Institute, Kilmarnock
The Great Indoors, Harris Museum and Art Gallery,
Preston; Aberystwyth
Arts Centre, Aberystwyth; Oriel Mostyn Gallery, Llandudno and
Glynn Vivian, Swansea (exhibition touring the United Kingdom)
Headthinkers, Houldsworth Gallery, London
2004 *Wreckers*, Houldsworth Gallery, London
Wreckers, Beaconsfield, London
The Great Indoors, Gillingham Gallery, Kent, England
2005 *SomeWhere Else*, 51st Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
2006 *Armour Boys*, New Art Centre, Roche Court, Salisbury, England
Armour Boys, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, Scotland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1982 *Northern New Contemporaries*, Whitworth Gallery,
Manchester, England
Northern New Contemporaries, ICA, London
- 1983 *The Sculpture Show*, Hayward and Serpentine Galleries, London
Sculpture New Directions, Cleveland Arts Centre,
Middlesborough, England
- 1984 *New Works, 7 Dials*, London (curated by Richard Pomeroy)
- 1985 *New Work by Laura Ford and Andrew Sabin*, Temporary
Shop Show, Islington, London
- 1984-85 *Metaphor and/or Symbol*, Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
and Museum of Modern Art, Osaka, Japan
- 1986 *Sculpture in the City*, Bath, England
Menagerie, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, England
Third Generation of Women Sculptors Today,
Canterbury, England
- 1987 *Big Drawings*, East Street Studios, Canterbury, England
Self Portrait, A Modern View, Artsite Gallery, Bath,
England (touring)
- 1988 *The Deadly Grove* (performance with Anne Griffin) Battersea
Arts Centre, London; Third Eye Centre, Glasgow, Scotland;
Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, England; Castle Museum,
Nottingham, England; Prema Arts Centre, Gloucestershire,
England; Oval House, London; Whitechapel Open, London
The Wedding, Mapping Art Gallery, Sheffield, England
Laura Ford Paintings and Drawings, Third Eye Centre,
Glasgow, Scotland
- 1989 *Ariadne*, The Pheonix, Leicester, England; the Grand,
Wolverhampton, England; The Pegasus, Oxford, England;
The Place, London
- 1990 *Sculptors' Drawings*, New York Studio School, New York
Ariadne (performance with Anne Griffin), Tron, Glasgow,
Scotland; Queen Elizabeth Hall, London; South Hill Park
Arts Centre, Bracknell and Arnolfini, Bristol, England
- 1992 *Summer Lightning*, Seamans Hospital, Greenwich, England,
Wise Taylor Partnership, toured to Los Angeles
Physical Encounter, including Helen Chadwick and Laura
Godfrey Isaacs,

- Gardner Centre, Brighton, England
- 1995 *It's a Pleasure*, Royal Festival Hall, London
Art Casino, Barbican Centre, London
 Cabinet Pictures, Jason Rhodes Gallery, London
- 1996 *Private View*, Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, Leeds, England
 Sculpture At Goodwood, West Sussex, England
- 1997 *Rebel Angels*, Walsall Museum, Walsall, England
- 1998 *Fun de Siècle*, Walsall Museum Walsall, England
New Art from Britain, Kunstraum Innsbruck, Austria
Figurative Sculpture, Flowers East, London
- 1999 *Animal*, Museum Antoine Bordelle, Paris
 Sculpture At Goodwood, West Sussex, England
- 2000 *Little Angels*, Houldsworth, London
British Art Show 5, Edinburgh, Scotland; Southampton, England; Cardiff, Wales; and Birmingham, England
Bronze, Holland Park, London
- 2001 *New Acquisitions*, National Museum of Wales
Animals in the Workplace, Canary Wharf, London
Telling, Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Wales
- 2002 *Domestic Landscape*, Bath, England
Ceramica: Sleepers, Treffry Gallery, Royal Cornwall Museum, Cornwall Home
 Collection, London
- 2003 *Engineer* - group show, Beaconsfield, London
The Human Zoo, Hatton Gallery, University of Newcastle, England
- 2004 *Artist's Favourites* (selected by Yinka Shonibare), ICA, London
Per Head, John Hansard Gallery, University of Southampton, Southampton, England
Into My World: Recent British Sculpture, Laura Ford, Matt Franks, Roger Hiorns, Mariele Neudecker, Mike Nelson, Saskia Oldfarbers, Jim Lambie, David Thorpe; Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, Connecticut
Disguise, Manchester City Art Gallery, England
- 2005 *Kinderszenen* (Scenes from Childhood), with Louise Bourgeois, Jake & Dinos Chapman, Marcel Dzama & Cornelius Volker curated by Mark Gisbourne, Rohkunstbau, Berlin
Some Mothers Sons, Durham Art Gallery, Durham, England
Strata, Strata Florida, Wales touring to Kells, Ireland
Figuratively Speaking, Miami Art Museum, Miami, Florida
Size Matters: Exploring Scale in the Arts Council Collection, Hayward Gallery touring show, UK

- 2006 *2nd Biennial of Southern Italy*, The Ex-Slaughterhouse, Bari, Italy
 Somewhere Else, Oriel Davies Gallery, Wales
 Making Connections - past, present and future, PM Gallery, London
- 2007 *2nd Biennial of Southern Italy*, Dom Umenia, Bratislava, Slovakia

SELECTED PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

British High Commission, Ottawa
Chiltern Sculpture Trail, Oxford
Surrey Docks/Dockland Development Agency
Swiss Cottage Children's Library, London
West Bromwich Town Centre, WBC/PADT

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Arts Council of Great Britain
Contemporary Art Society
Government Art Collection
Museum of Art, University of Iowa
National Museum and Galleries of Wales, Cardiff
New Art Gallery, Walsall
Oldham Art Gallery
Penguin Books
Potteries Museum, Stoke-on-Trent

