



Metorama

New Paintings by ANDY OWEN

1st September– 3rd October 2010 12-6pm daily

First Thursday Opening: Thursday 2nd September 6-9pm

DegreeArt.com and Contemporary Collective present Andy Owen's 2010 solo show.

Metorama: (meta: change or transformation); (horama: view).

The urban environment that we inhabit today is flooded with artificial colour and light, carrying an abundance of information to our fingertips. The luminous glow of the digital screen is ever present, at home, at work and on the mobile phone in our pocket. Meanwhile we find ourselves in the midst of a whirlwind of paper ephemera; bringing us the news and the latest celebrity gossip on our daily commute. Andy's work investigates how we experience events through these media and how they in turn have the power to shape and even distort our perception of the wider world.

The artist feeds his artistic practice on this plethora of disposable visual information, culling imagery from the press and the Internet. Photographs of catastrophic events, earthquakes and uprisings in far-flung places are thrown into the mix with the celebrity snaps from closer to home. Using digital manipulation, Andy de-constructs these images, breaking them down to their most basic pictorial elements: line, form, colour and space. They are combined and rebuilt into something new, stripped of all recognition and divorced from the original source material.

The newly constructed imagery makes the leap from cyber-space and back into the physical world, continuing to evolve into a painterly dreamscape as he translates it onto canvas. The result is gestural forms that trace their way through hallucinatory landscapes of blurry hues, before melting into the illusionary depths of the flat surface. The source material has been democratised, the monumental levelled with the banal, like yesterday's news their meanings lost and forgotten, wiped clear to be re-cycled as a simultaneous aesthetic event.

Prices from: £4,000

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Main Image: Circus, oil on canvas 90 x 150cm £4,500

ARTIST'S CV



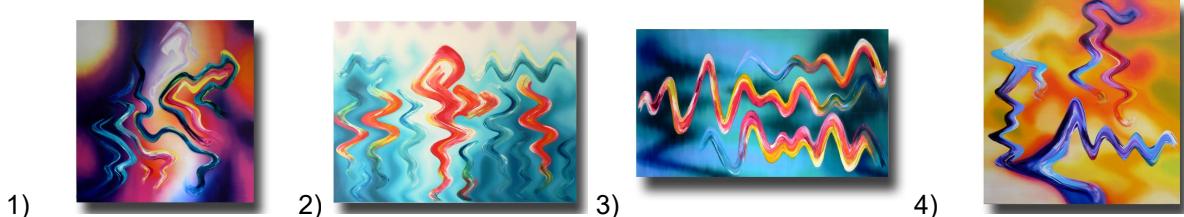
ANDY OWEN

Born: Wolverhampton, 1979

Studied: Post Graduate Diploma, Byam Shaw School of Art 2006

Selected Exhibitions and Awards:

- 2009 - Affordable Art Fair, DegreeArt.com, Battersea, London
- 2008 - 'in/ex/ternal' solo show, DegreeArt.com, Vyner Street, London
- 2008 - 'Collect4', DegreeArt.com, Vyner Street, London
- 2007 - 'Virtual Viscera', Solo Show, DegreeArt.com, Vyner Street, London
- 2007 - 'Quixotic', Rich Mix, DegreeArt.com, Bethnal Green, London
- 2007 - 'Space Curators' Installation at Hammerson plc Grosvenor Street, Mayfair, London
- 2006 - 'Eidos' VINEspace, Bethnal Green, London
- 2006 - '21st Century Graduate Show', Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery
- 2006- 'Cupola 15th Anniversary Open', Cupola Gallery Hillsborough, Sheffield
- 2006-08- 'Space Curators Installation' at Exchange Tower Harbour, Exchange Square, London
- 2006- 'Summer Open' Exposure Gallery, Swansea
- 2006- 'Art @ E3', DegreeArt.com, Bow, London
- 2006- 'HIGHLY COMMENDED Nationwide Mercury Art Prize' The Hospital, Covent Garden, London
- 2006- 'Post-Graduate Direction' Lethaby Gallery, Holborn, London
- 2006- 'Small Kingsgate Gallery' West Hampstead, London
- 2006- '17 Principles of Co-Existence', Lauderdale House, Archway, London
- 2005- Daler-Rowney Prize for Excellence in Painting
- 2005- Nationwide Mercury Art & Music Exhibition, Air Gallery, Dover Street, London
- 2004- 'New Horizons', RBSA Gallery, Brook Street, Birmingham
- 2004- Hans Brinker Budget Trophy Hotel Hans Brinker Kerk Straat Amsterdam NL



- 1) **Valhalla**, oil on canvas 125 x 120cm £4,500
- 2) **Sichuan**, oil on canvas 160 x 210cm £6,500
- 3) **Trans-Gestural**, oil on canvas 90 x 150cm £4,000
- 4) **Arabian Night**, oil on canvas 125 x 120cm £4,500

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