

Benet Spencer

BORN St. Albans, 1969
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EDUCATION

1992 - 95 Royal Academy Schools - Post Graduate Diploma in Painting
1988 - 91 Birmingham Polytechnic - BA (hons) Fine Art (now Birmingham City University)
1987 - 88 Herts College of Art and Design, St. Albans - Foundation Course (now University of Hertfordshire)

SOLO AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2019 *Collision Drive 2*, Project Space Plus, University of Lincoln (two person)
2019 *Collision Drive 1*, Wimbledon Space, Wimbledon College of Arts, UAL (two person)
2003 *Works on Paper* - Shanghai University, Shanghai, China
2002 *Woodcutter's Contract* - 2060 Vision Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
2001 *Show 1* - Hat on Wall, London (two person)
2001 *Mappin Open Solo Show* - Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield
2000 *Negative Exposure* - Static Gallery, Liverpool
1997 *You Think You've Flown Before* - Proud Gallery, London (two person)
1992 *Benet Spencer, New Paintings* - Institute of Education, University of London

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023-24 *Arcadia for All?* Rethinking Landscape Painting Now, Stanley & Audrey Burton Gallery, University of Leeds and Attenborough Arts Centre, University of Leicester (co-curated by Geraint Evans and Judith Tucker)
2023 *The New Accelerator*, Ruskin Gallery, Cambridge
2020 *Phase IV: Intersections – Art / Architecture*, Stephen Lawrence Gallery, University of Greenwich, London
2019 *Collision Drive 3*, RMIT Project Space, Melbourne, Australia
2019 *Phase III – le Modulor*, Hors-Les-Murs, Marseille, France (with ESADMM, Marseille)
2019 *Fully Awake*, Edinburgh College of Art, Edinburgh. (presented with Andrew Bracey)
2018 *40 Celsius*, ASC Gallery, West Croydon
2018 *Phase II - Imagining Architecture*, institut supérieur des arts de Toulouse, France
2016 *Phase I*, Ruskin Gallery, Cambridge
2015 *P – Horatio Junior*, London. (curated by Tim Ellis)
2014 *Opinion Makers II*, Londonewcastle Project Space, London
2014 *A Union of Voices*, Horatio Junior, London (curated by Tim Ellis)
2014 *(Detail)*, (touring exhibition – curated by Andrew Bracey) H-Project Space, Bangkok; Transition Gallery, London; Usher Gallery, University of Lincoln
2014 *Saloon*, Lion and Lamb, London and Aldeborough Beach South, Aldeborough, Suffolk
2013 *Pre-Production*, (Curated by Ian Gonczarow), Enclave, Occupy Your Mind, London
2012-13 *Forward Thinking* (touring exhibition – curated by Tim Ellis) The Island Queen, London; Glenfiddich

- Distillery, Scotland; and Gairloch and Loch Ewe Action Forum (GALE), Gairloch, Achtercairn, Scotland, Horatio Junior, London
- 2012 *Museums in the Incident* - Monash University Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2012 *The Perfect Nude* (touring exhibition – curated by Phillip Allen and Dan Coombes) - Wimbledon Space, London; Phoenix Gallery, Exeter; Charlie Smith Gallery, London
- 2011 *Niche*, Project Space, Cambridge
- 2011 *The Thing is the Thing* - ASC Gallery, London
- 2010 *Safe Haven* - Brunswick Gallery, London
- 2009 *Saxon* - Schwartz Gallery, London (curated by Juan Bolivar)
- 2009 *Reconstructing the Old House* - Nunnery Gallery, London and Ruskin Gallery, Cambridge
- 2009 *Drawing with Dolphins* - Crimestown Gallery, London
- 2008 *Worlds End, Future Perfect* - Carlton Hotel, Melbourne, Australia (curated by Steven Rendall)
- 2006 *Seeking Tacit Utopias* - Surface Gallery, Nottingham (curated by Thomas Wright)
- 2006 *Inaugural* - Cube Noir Gallery, Liverpool (curated by Gareth Kemp)
- 2006 *10th Planet* - Tower Bridge Business Complex, London (curated by Julian Hughes Watts)
- 2006 *Fantasy Island* - Metropole Galleries, Folkestone
- 2004 - 05 *Weekending* - The Globe Gallery, Newcastle; R.M.I.T. Project Space, Melbourne, Australia (2005)
- 2004 *20c* (DACS 20th Anniversary Exhibition) - Mall Galleries
- 2004 *Over2You* – Wetterling Teo Gallery, Singapore
- 2004 *Tiergarten* - 2060 Vision Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2003 *Reduced* - Century Gallery London
- 2003 *Drawing Show* - Vertigo Gallery London
- 2002 *Free Market* - Liverpool Biennial Independent Exhibition, St John's Centre, Liverpool
- 2002 *Simpatico* - Shanghai University, Shanghai, China
- 2001 *Back to Reality* - Vertigo Gallery, London,
- 2001 - 02 *Liverpool 11* - 2060 Vision Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium; Hope St, Gallery, Liverpool
- 2001 *Synergy* - Orebro Slot, Orebro, Sweden
- 1999 *John Moores 21* - Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool
- 1999 *London to Londinium* - A.T.Kearney, Berkley Sq, London
- 1997 *Group Show* - Blue Gallery, London
- 1997 *Summer Exposure* - Proud Gallery, London
- 1996 *Ida Branson Bequest* - Atkinson Gallery, Millfield, Street
- 1995 *Out of The Nineties* - Mall Gallery, London
- 1994 & 95 Royal Academy Summer Exhibition
- 1994 - 95 *Germinations 8*, European Biennial for Young Artists - Breda, Holland (and touring to Warsaw, Bologna and Athens)

CURATED PROJECTS

- 2023 *The New Accelerator*, Ruskin Gallery, Cambridge (co-curated with Laurence Noga and Saturation Point)
Featuring: Katrina Blannin, Eric Butcher, Sandra Crisp, Natalie Dower, Tim Ellis, Julia Farrer, Árpád Forgo, Hanz Hancock + Patrick Morrissey, Stephen Jaques, Hans Kotter, Caroline List, George Meyrick, Ian Monroe, Jeremy Morgan, Laurence Noga, Milly Peck, playpaint, Carol Robertson, Sarah Sparkes, Benet Spencer, Trevor Sutton, Trisant (Julian Hughes Watts), Kate Terry, April Virgoe, Adia Wahid, Mary Yacoob
- 2019 *Collision Drive* (co-curated with Steven Rendall)

- (i). *Collision Drive 1* (2019) Wimbledon Space, Wimbledon College of Art, UAL - Two-person exhibition with Steven Rendall. Catalogue essay by Phil King
- (ii). *Collision Drive 2* (2019) Project Space Plus, University of Lincoln - Two-person exhibition
- (ii). *Collision Drive 3* (2019) RMIT Project Space, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia. (7 artist exhibition) featuring: Hiroe Komai, Stephanie Leigh, Andrea Medjesi-Jones, Laurence Noga, Steven Rendall, Benet Spencer, Bronte Mae Webster. Catalogue essay by Jack Willet
- 2016 – 2020 *Phase I: Painting, Drawing, Architecture* (developed as part of Réseau Peinture)
- (i). *Phase I* (2016), Ruskin Gallery, Cambridge (co-curated with David Ryan)
Featuring: Miguel Angel Molina, Juan Bolivar, Audrey Buchot, George Charman, Tim Ellis, Jaime Gili, Olivier Gourvil, Justin Hibbs, Michael Irwin, Chloe Leaper, Didier Mencoboni, Quentin Montagne, Tim Renshaw, David Ryan, Anna Salamon, Benet Spencer, Marjorie Welish
- (ii). *Phase II - Imagining Architecture* (2018) - institut supérieur des arts de Toulouse (co-curated with David Ryan)
Featuring: Emmanuelle Castellan, David Coste, Valérie du Chéné, Andrew Grassie, Laurent Proux, Tim Renshaw, David Ryan, Anna Salamon, Katharina Schmidt, Benet Spencer. Including seven different items from the isdaT archive, inc. prints by Le Corbusier and 8 drawings by Pierre Joseph Esquié
- (iii). *Phase III – le Modulor* (2019), HLM: Hors-les Murs-Marseille (collaboration with Katharina Schmidt and ESADMM, Marseilles)
- (iv). *Phase IV: Intersections – Art / Architecture* (2020), Stephen Laurence Gallery, University of Greenwich, London (co-curated with David Waterworth)
- 2011 *The Thing is the Thing*, ASC Gallery, London
Featuring: Neil Ayling, Gordon Cheung, Tim Ellis, Stewart Gough, Julian Hughes Watts, Hiroe Komai and Benet Spencer
- 2009 *Reconstructing the Old House*, Nunnery Gallery, London and Ruskin Gallery, Cambridge (ACE Funded)
Featuring: Jo Addison, Gordon Cheung, Adam Gillam, Julian Hughes Watts, Kounosuke Kawakami, Max Moss crop, Stephen Rendall, Danny Rolph and Benet Spencer. Catalogue essay by David Ryan
- 2006 *Fantasy Island*, The Metropole Galleries, Folkestone
Featuring: Phillip Allen, John de Veras, Geraint Evans, James Ireland and Benet Spencer
- 2004 - 05 *Weekending* (co-curated with Miranda Whall)
The Globe Gallery, Newcastle (2004); The RMIT Project Space, Melbourne, Australia (2005)
Featuring : Geraint Evans, Neil Bromwich, Miranda Whall, Zoe Walker, Justin Carter and Benet Spencer
- 2004 *Tiergarten*, 2060 Vision Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium (British Council Funded) Featuring: Ann Marie Coxon, Benet Spencer and Miranda Whall.

AWARDS, PRIZES AND COMMISSIONS

- 2017 4 month Research Sabbatical - Anglia Ruskin University
- 2008, 11, 16, 18, 22 Anglia Ruskin University - Research Award
- 2001, 08 Arts Council England - Individual Artist Award
- 1999, 01, 04, 05 Liverpool John Moores University - Research Award
- 2003 British Council - Artist's Exhibiting Abroad Award
- 2001 - 02 Major 7 painting commission for London City Airport
- 2001 Mappin Open, Prize-winner
- 1998 Malvern Open (First Prize)
- 1995 Unipart Reflections of Technology (Runner Up)
- 1995 Andre Segonzac Travel Award to the USA – RA Schools Graduate Prize 1994
- Leverhulme Trust Award – RA Schools Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS AND CATALOGUES

2023	<i>Arcadia for All? Rethinking Landscape Painting Now</i> , Pub. University of Leeds ISBN : 978-1-874331-68-1
2023	<i>The New Accelerator</i> (catalogue), Pub. Anglia Ruskin University ISBN: 978-912319-07-7
2020	<i>Phase IV: Intersections – Art / Architecture</i> . Pub. University of Greenwich. ISBN : 978-0-9573430-7-8
2019	<i>Collision Drive 3</i> , (catalogue) Pub. RMIT University, Melbourne
2019	<i>Collision Drive 1</i> , (catalogue) Pub. Wimbledon Space, UAL. ISBN : 978-1-9993085-3-7
2014	Benet Spencer – Imaginary Worlds (published for exhibition: A Union of Voices, Horatio Junior)
2014	<i>(Detail)</i> Pub. University of Lincoln. ISBN : 978-0-9568814-3-4
2012	<i>Museums in the Incident</i> - Pub. Monash University ISBN : 978-1-921994-02-9
2011	<i>The Thing is the Thing</i> - Pub. Anglia Ruskin University ISBN : 978-0-9565608-3-4
2009	<i>Reconstructing the Old House</i> - Pub. Anglia Ruskin University. ISBN 978-0-907262-73-2
2008	<i>Worlds End, Future Perfect</i> - Pub. Monash University, Melbourne ISBN 1-921179-34-1
2008	<i>Marmite Prize 2008</i> - Pub. Susakpress, ISBN 978-1-905659-08-1
2004	<i>20c</i> , DACS 20th Anniversary Exhibition Catalogue Pub. DACS ISBN : 0-9548158-0-7
2004	<i>Over2You</i> - Pub. Liverpool Art School. ISBN : 0-9542326-9-0
2002	<i>Simpatico</i> - Pub. Liverpool Art School. ISBN : 0-9542326-0-7
2001	<i>Mappin Open Solo Show</i> - Pub. Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust
2000	<i>Synergy</i> - Pub. Liverpool Art School ISBN : 0-9523161-10
1999	<i>John Moores 21</i> - Pub. National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside ISBN : 1-902700-05-8
1999	<i>London to Londinium</i> - Pub. A.T. Kearney
1996	<i>Ida Branson Bequest</i> - Pub. Atkinson Gallery
1994	<i>Germinations 8</i> - Pub. Germinations Europe

COLLECTIONS

London City Airport
Rowe and Mawe
Cable and Wireless
Old Mutual
Mustard Catering
Birmingham City University

LECTURING / EXTERNAL EXAMINING

2008 - present	Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge - Course Leader in BA Fine Art Lecturing on BA Fine Art, Masters of Fine Art and MA Printmaking courses
2019	Canterbury Christ Church University, Canterbury - External Examiner - MRes Fine Art
2019	Wimbledon College of Arts, UAL - Lecturing on MA Fine Art
2019	University of Greenwich, London - Visiting Lecturer, School of Design lecture series
2012 - 16	Hull School of Art and Design - External Examiner: BA Fine Art and BA Contemporary Fine Art Practice
2012 - 16	Harrogate College - External Examiner: BA Fine Art, FdA Visual Arts; and BA Applied Creative Design
2008 - 2012	College of West Anglia, Kings Lynn (ARU partner college) - Course Leader in BA Fine Art
1998 - 2007	Liverpool John Moores University - 0.5 Senior Lecturer in BA Fine Art
2002 - 07	London College of Fashion, UAL – Associate Lecturer in Visual Studies - Foundation Studies
2006 - 07	Central St Martins College of Art, UAL - Short Course Lecturer - Life Drawing

2005 RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia - Visiting Lecturer (Fine Art - BA Hons)
2003 Shanghai University, China - Visiting Lecturer (Fine Art - BA Hons)
2001 University of Westminster, London - Visiting Lecturer in Architecture (Diploma)
2000 Leeds Metropolitan University - Visiting Lecturer (BA Hons - Fine Art)
1998 - 99 Blake College, London - Subject Leader in Fine Art, Foundation Studies 1995 - 96
Icknield High School, Luton - Artist in Residence

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY / MEMBERSHIP

2016 – present Member of Réseau Peinture research network (linking French, UK, German and US art schools)
2012 Selection Panel for the Marmite Painting Prize
2011 Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (HEA)
2008 - present Ruskin Gallery, Cambridge - Member of Programming Committee 2003
Member of the Design and Artists Copyright Society (DACS)