

ADRIAN SASSOON

Stephen Cox RA

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1946, Bristol, England

2010	Royal Academician, Royal Academy of Arts, London
1964-1965	West of England College of Art, Bristol
1965-1966	Loughborough College of Art, Loughborough
1966-1968	Central School of Art & Design, London

Working in Shropshire

The small 'Bowl' sculptures have a special place in my work. Seen as 'libation' bowls they have a symbolism in the interface between the everyday object and the spiritual, between the secular and the 'transcendent'.

Having worked in India for nearly 30 years I became fascinated with the profound role of 'sculpture', that is, idols and utensils of stone, at the heart of life from the poorest to the richest in society. There was sense of a 'living' sculpture. How idols and incidental objects would be 'enlivened' through ritual and libation was an intense experience coming from the West. This ritual 'interface' is especially interesting as the intervention is transformational. The bowls consequently become 'transitional objects'.

My sculpture made in India would be frequently oiled and the bowls take their part as metaphor for the 'transformational' that occurs in art i.e. that mundane materials through a sequence of actions are transformed into a whole different area of understanding. In the same way my altars, made for Cathedrals and churches, have been subjected to the ritual of consecration are in consequence changed.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 *Stephen Cox: Encounters in Stone*, Trinity Hall, Cambridge
- 2018 *Stephen Cox X Kallos Gallery: Ancient Stone*, Kallos Gallery, London
- 2016 *Gemini*, Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury
- 2011 *The Meaning of Stone*, Ludlow Castle, Ludlow
Meaning in Drawing, Drawing Gallery, Walford, Shropshire
- 2009 *Sculpture in the Quads*, Lincoln College, Oxford
- 2006 *Stephen Cox: Sculptor, Origins and Influences*, Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, Bristol
- 2005 San Francesco Della Scarpa, Bari, Italy
Shrewsbury Museum, Shropshire
- 2004 *Mappa Mundi*, Meadow Gallery, Burford House, Shropshire
Eyestorm Gallery, London
- 2001 *Organs of Action*, Culture Gallery, New York, USA
- 2000 *Fasti*, Museo Archeologico, Aosta, Italy
- 1999 Ospedale di Santa Maria della Scala, Siena, Italy
Michael Hue-Williams Fine Art, London
- 1998 Glyndebourne Opera House, Lewes
Michael Hue-Williams Fine Art, London
- 1997 Anthony Slayter Ralph Gallery, Santa Barbara, California, USA
Michael Hue-Williams Fine Art, London
Dulwich Picture Gallery, London
- 1996 *An Indian Decade*, Art Today Gallery, New Delhi, India
Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, London
An Indian Decade, Ajanta Gallery, New Delhi, India
An Indian Decade, Jamali Kamali Gardens, New Delhi, India
- 1995 Michael Hue-Williams Fine Art, London
Stephen Cox: Surfaces and Stones of Egypt, Henry Moore Institute, Leeds
Museum of Egyptian Modern Art, Cairo, Egypt
- 1994 University Art Gallery, Nottingham
- 1992 Keynes College, University of Kent, Canterbury
- 1991 Art Now Gallery, Gothenburg, Sweden
DEGW Architects / Smith Jariwala Gallery, London
- 1989 Galleria Carini, Florence, Italy
- 1988 *Bath International Festival*, Artsite Gallery, Bath
University Gallery, University of Essex, Colchester
- 1987 Galleria Littman, Basle, Switzerland
- 1987 Galleria Carini, Florence, Italy
- 1986 FIAC, Paris, France
Tate Gallery, London
6th Indian Triennale, New Delhi, India
- 1985 Museum of Modern Art, Oxford
Arnolfini Gallery, Bristol
International Contemporary Art Fair, London
- 1985 Tamarisk Gallery, Gibraltar
Galerie Eric Franck, Geneva, Switzerland

Selected Solo Exhibitions (continued)

- 1984 Casa di Masaccio, San Giovanni Valdarno, near Arezzo, Italy
Galerie Eric Franck, Geneva, Switzerland
- 1983 Nigel Greenwood Gallery, London
Salone Villa Romana, Florence, Italy
- 1982 Tate Gallery, London
25th Festivale dei Due Mondi, Spoleto, Italy
Lisson Gallery, London

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 *Adrian Sassoon*, The Treasure House Fair, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2023 *Adrian Sassoon*, The Treasure House Fair, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2022 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
- 2021 *Forever Is Now*, Art D'Egypte, Pyramids of Giza, Egypt
Adrian Sassoon at Parham, a House of History, Parham House, West Sussex
- 2020 *Adrian Sassoon at The London House of Modernity*, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2019 *Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
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- 2016 *Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2015 *Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2014 *Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2013 *Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2012 *Sculptors' Drawings & Works on Paper*, Pangolin London and Kings Place Gallery, London
- 2009 *Grand Peregrine*, Cass Sculpture Foundation, Goodwood, Chichester
- 2008 *British Sculptor's Drawings*, British Museum, London
- 2002 *Lingam of a Thousand Lingams*, Cass Sculpture Foundation, Goodwood, Chichester
Thinking Big: Concepts for 21st Century British Sculpture, Guggenheim, Venice, Italy
- 2000 *Sculpture and the Divine*, Winchester Cathedral, Winchester
Encounters: New Art from Old, National Gallery, London
Kamakura Mie Sapporo, Gori Foundation-Japanese tour
British Sculpture, Schloss Ambrass Innsbruck, Austria
- 1997 *Hat Hill Foundation Goodwood*, Centenary Display, Tate Gallery, London
- 1994 *Time Machine*, British Museum, London

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 1994 *Sculptors Drawings*, Tate Gallery, London
1992 *New Displays*, Tate Gallery, London
British Art in the 1980's, Museum of Modern Art, Brussels, Belgium
1985 *40 Years of Modern Art 1945-85*, Tate Gallery, London
1984 *An International Survey of Painting and Sculpture*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
The International Garden Festival, Liverpool
Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
1983 *New Art*, Tate Gallery, London
1982 *Venice Biennale*, Venice, Italy
1981 *British Sculpture in the Twentieth Century*, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London
1977 *Paris Biennale*, Paris, France

Awards

- 2010 Elected Royal Academician, Royal Academy of Arts, London
2007 ACE Award for Art in a Religious Context
1991 Capital and Counties Art and Work Award
1988 Goldhill Sculpture Prize, Royal Academy of Arts, London
1986 Gold Medal, Sixth Indian Triennale, New Delhi, India
1985 Hakone Open-Air Museum Prize, Hakone, Japan
1980 Arts Council, London
1979 British Council Bursary, London
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British Council Bursary, London

Public Collections

- Arts Council Collection, London
British Council Collection, London
The Hunterian Museum and Art Gallery, Glasgow
Tate Gallery, London
The British Museum, London
The Henry Moore Foundation, Hertfordshire
Victoria and Albert Museum, London
Walker Art Gallery Liverpool, Liverpool
Gori Fattoria di Celle Collection, Pistoia, Italy
Le Gallerie Degli Uffizi, Florence, Italy
Groninger Museum, Groningen, The Netherlands
Fogg Art Museum, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
The Hakone Open-Air Museum, Hakone, Japan

Selected Commissions

- 2014-15 *Relief Figure Emerging to E.L.*, 8 St. James's Square, London
- 2011 *Holy Water Stoup*, Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury
- 2010 Eight works, Four Seasons Hotel, Park Lane, London
- 2009 *Virgin Mary and Saint Midred*, Tower Gateway of Lincoln College Oxford, Oxford
- 2008 *Tribute to St. Anselm Installation*, Aosta Cathedral, Aosta, Italy
Castle Quay Catamarans, Jersey Marina, Jersey
- 2006 *Altar to St. Anselm*, St. Anselm's Chapel, Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury
- 1999 *Tribute to Beato Surore*, Hospital of Santa Maria della Scala, Siena, Italy
Faceted Column, Finsbury Pavement, London
- 1997 *Eucharist*, Cathedral of St. Nicholas, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Tribute Sculpture, British High Commission, Canberra, Australia
- 1996 *Adam and Eve Vessels*, St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, London
- 1995-97 *Rajiv Gandhi Samadhi*, Vir Bhumi, Raj Ghat, New Delhi, India
- 1992 *Echo*, Broadgate Properties Plc: Fleet Place, Ludgate, London
Mantra, The British High Commission, British Council Division, New Delhi, India
- 1991 *Osirisis*, Stockley Park, Heathrow, London
Hymn, University of Kent, Canterbury
- 1989-93 *Reredos*, altar, font and Stations of the Cross, Parish Church of St. Paul, Haringey, London
- 1988-89 *Song*, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, New Opera House, Cairo, India
- 1988 *Ganapathi and Devi*, Broadgate, London
- 1985-87 *Atyeo*, Public Art Development Trust, Baltic Wharf, Bristol
- 1984 *Palanzana*, Merseyside Development Corporation and Merseyside County Council, International Garden Festival, Liverpool
- 1983 *Tondo: Ascension*, Royal Festival Hall, London