



CLAIRE BREWSTER

Lives and works in London, UK

Education

1986 – 1987 BTEC Diploma General Art and Design, Lincoln College of Art
1987 – 1990 BA (Hons) Textiles and Fashion, Middlesex University, specialism tapestry weaving

Selected Exhibitions

- 2016 **AAF HK**, TAG Fine Arts, London
2016 **AAF Battersea**, TAG Fine Arts, London
2015 **Forming Words**, Clotworth Manor, Northern Ireland
2015 **Avant. Ici, Maintenant**, Adrien Dubouche, Limoges, France
2015 **The Ripple Effect**, The Byre Gallery, Cornwall
2015 **Mersey Maritime**, Bluecoat Display Centre, Liverpool
2015 **The Forest of Possibility**, Abbey Walk Gallery, Grimsby, and then touring
- 2014 **Personal Territories**, Chateau of Jorge Canete, Geneva, Switzerland
2014 **Nature Morte – Rethinking Still Life** Pitfield London
2014 **AAF Hong Kong**, TAG Fine Arts, Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong
2014 **January Exhibition**, Thompsons Contemporary, Kings Road, London
2014 **London Art Fair**, TAG Fine Arts, Islington, London
- 2013 **AAF Singapore**, TAG Fine Arts, F1 Pit Building, Singapore
2013 **SOFA Chicago**, Festival Hall, Navy Pier, Chicago
2013 **Paper Biennale**, CODA, Apeldorn, The Netherlands
2013 **Summer Exhibition**, Royal Academy of Arts, London
2013 **London Original Print Fair**, TAG Fine Arts, Royal Academy of Arts, London
- 2012 **London Art Fair**, TAG Fine Arts, Islington, London
2012 **The First Cut**, Manchester City Galleries, Manchester
2012 **Mind the Map**, London Transport Museum, London
2012 **The House of Fairy Tales Cartographic Portfolio**, Hall Place Bexley, and Sutton House
2012 **Get Carta**, Karin Janssen Project Space, London
2012 **Here Today, Gone Tomorrow: Life's Fragile Nature**, NG Art Gallery, Sydney
2012 **On the Map**, Hastings Museum and Art Gallery, Hastings
2012 **Breath of Fresh Air**, Byard Art, Cambridge
- 2011 **The Art of Mapping**, TAG Fine Arts, London
2011 **First Anniversary Show**, Unit Twelve, Stafford
2011 **Bird Show**, Craft2eu Gallery, Hamburg
2011 **Gallery S** Ben Simon, Paris
- 2010 **Please Write**, Posted Projects, London
2010 **Present**, Sarah Myerscough Fine Art, London
2010 **Keep Me Posted**, Posted Projects, London
2010 **Paper Works 3**, Bury Art Gallery, Bury
2010 **Origin**, London
2010 **In Miss Rowe's Footsteps**, Eagle Gallery, London
2010 **Paper Works**, The Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Bovey Tracey
- 2009 **Transformations**, Flow Gallery, London
2009 **Cut & Fold**, The New Brewery Arts, Cirencester
2009 **Rock, Paper, Scissors**, Houston Centre for Contemporary Craft, Houston, Texas, USA
2009 **Solo Show**, Centre Point, London

- 2009 **(...)**, Galleria Omphalos, Terlizzi, Bari, Italy
 2009 **Unfolding**, Chapel Gallery, Ormskirk
- 2008 **Wild Life, (Solo Show)**, Jaddedart, London
 2008 **Group Show**, Royal London Hospital, organised by Vital Arts, London
 2008 **Nature of Knowledge**, Jaggedart, London
- 2007 **My Life In Art: Group Show**, Hackney, London
 2007 **Solo Show**, Liberty, London
 2007 **Second Time Around**, The Gallery at Adventure Ecology, London
 2007 **Art In Mind**, Secondspace Gallery, London
- 2006 **My Life In Art**, Hackney, London
 2006 **Bend in the River**, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire
 2006 **Teetotum**, residency & group exhibition, Fold Gallery, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria
 2006 **My Life In Art**, Hackney, London
 2006 **Prelude**, Spitalfields Market, London
 2006 **Paperworks: Paper Art in the 21st Century**, Bury Art Gallery, Bury
- 2005 **286 Gallery**, London
 2005 **ArtSway 05**, ArtSway, Sway, Hampshire
 2005 **Fabrications**, part of **Hidden Art of Hackney 2005**, London
 2005 **House Warming**, The Residence Gallery, Hackney, London
 2005 **Empirical**, Hackney Empire, Hackney, London
 2005 **The Easton**, Clerkenwell, London
 2005 **Indo**, Whitechapel, London
 2005 **Posted**, Hiscox Art Project Space, London
 2005 **The Prince Bonaparte**, London
- 2004 **State of Independence**, Stoke Newington, London
 2003 **Art In Heaven**, part of **Brighton Festival**, Brighton
 2003 **The Beautiful and the Useless**, Standpoint Gallery, London
 2001 **The Second Time We Met...**, Mafuji Gallery, London
 1998 **Period Features (Solo Exhibition)**, The Stoke Newington Festival, London

Collections

Corinthia Hotel, London | Bury Art Gallery | The Barkantine Centre, bought by Vital Arts |
 Paintings for Hospitals | private collections in the USA, Australia and Europe

Public Art Projects

- 2007 Freeform – Turda, Romania – two-week project to produce artworks for annual street festival, part of a team of 5 artists.
 2006 Freeform – project to transform a small play area of nursery in central London with three murals and other artworks.

About the Artist

The artist, as an outsider, is ideally placed to notice and retrieve that which others discard. This is perfectly demonstrated in the work of Claire Brewster, as she uses old or out-of-date maps and atlases to create intricate, delicate paper-cuts filled with birds, insects and flowers.

Claire's works remind us that, even in the most urban of environments, nature is ever-present. It exists within and around the human world, affected by its actions, and yet unconscious of its effects. Claire takes inspiration from this co-existence between urban and natural environments to create her imagined entomological installations of flora and fauna. In doing so she celebrates the unwanted and gives new life to the supposedly obsolete.

Claire's works are either pinned directly to the wall as large scale installations, or captured in box frames. Her paper-cuts cast shadows that give them a three dimensional quality, as well as create a feeling of movement.

Claire grew up in Lincolnshire and has been living and working in London for over 20 years.