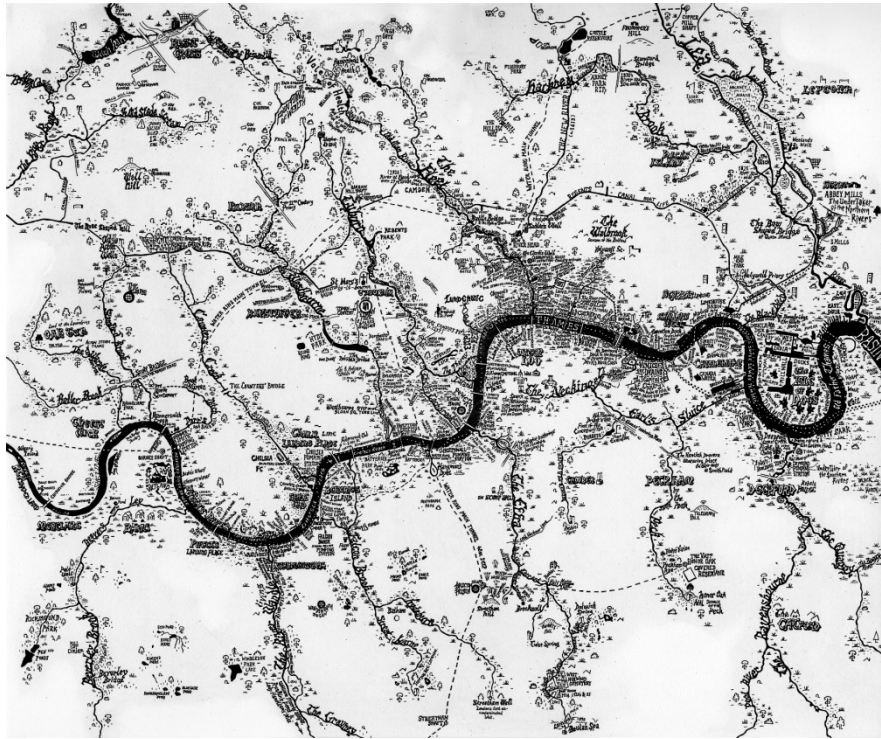


Stephen Walter 'The Rivers of London'

Print Details:

The Rivers of London, 2014 | Photogravure etching on cotton Somerset paper | Edition of 50 | 73.5 x 65 cm



Stephen Walter's etching *The Rivers of London* traces the meandering routes of the rivers, brooks and streams that have shaped the landscape of England's capital since it began its life as the Roman city of Londinium in 43AD. The map's depiction of the city's fluvial waters provides a glimpse into a dark and lonely underworld, with the majority of rivers existing below street level, in an unfathomable labyrinth of underground tributaries. The work picks up on the distinctive stories, folklore and etymologies which surround the rivers of London, with many area's histories being closely intertwined with the waters that exist alongside them. *The Rivers of London* is overall an evocative artwork celebrating the city and its life giving veins of water, which have gifted Londoner's with drinking water, food, trade, travel highways and exchanges of many kinds for thousands of years.

About the Artist:

Stephen Walter's drawings are a tangle of signs, words and images that draw the viewer into the artist's intricate worlds. His work is crowded with today's (sub)cultural symbols and obsessive tendencies; but it also celebrates traditional techniques, craftsmanship and Romantic notions of place. Walter's major project 'The Island, London Series' was published by TAG in 2008 and has enjoyed sustained critical acclaim ever since. Walter's work combines history, trivia, personal experience, local knowledge and imaginative additions to creatively explore areas in all their contradictory complexity.

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