
BENJAMIN MURPHY

ARTIST, CURATOR, LECTURER, WRITER

PROFILE

Benjamin Murphy is a visual artist and writer based in Helsinki.

Born in West Yorkshire, Benjamin now exhibits globally. He holds one Bachelors degree and two Masters degrees, specialising in Contemporary Fine Art.

His current work explores themes of polarity, time, memory, and contrast - often rendered in charcoal on raw canvas.

He is the co-founder and co-director of Delphian Gallery, and is an associate lecturer at the University of the Arts London.

EXPERIENCE

ARTIST – 2012 - PRESENT

Artworks created and exhibited in galleries and at art fairs worldwide (*full list below*)

DELPHIAN GALLERY - CO-DIRECTOR - 2015 - PRESENT

Exhibitions curated worldwide (*full list below*)

UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS LONDON - ASSOCIATE LECTURER - 2018 - PRESENT

Weekly teaching on a Masters Degree at UAL. I was involved in all aspects of the course, from delivering lectures and tutorials, writing and presenting the curriculum, reviewing applications for the course, contributing to revalidation of the course, the course handbook, briefs, and reading lists.

(Other teaching experience listed below)

I am also a full fellow of the Higher Education Authority.

AUTHOR – 2013 - PRESENT

Author of Navigating The Art World - Professional Practice for the Early Career Artist

The Artist's Roadmap (working title) - to be published with Thames & Hudson early 2026

EDUCATION

Masters Degree (with Merit)

UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS LONDON - ACADEMIC PRACTICE IN ART, DESIGN
AND COMMUNICATION

2021 - 2023

Masters Degree (with Merit)

THE UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD - CONTEMPORARY FINE ART

2009 - 2011

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Bachelors Degree (with Honours)

THE UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD - GRAPHIC DESIGN
2006 - 2009

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

SELECTED SOLO SHOWS

As Yet Untitled - Surr
Gallery Los Angeles,
USA 2025

Inevitable Decline -
The Betancourt Gallery
Miami, USA 2024

Eanair - Lokal Gallery
Helsinki 2024

Iconoclasm - Union
Gallery London 2023

DISASTERPIECE -
Lychee One Gallery
London 2022

Petrol/Station/Flowers
- Lychee One Gallery
London 2021

Gilded Chaos - Beers
Contemporary
(London) 2016

RESIDENCIES

CCA Residency
Andratx Mallorca -
2025

Bed-Stuy Residency -
Brooklyn New York -
2024

Clovermill Residency
(With Matt Macken) -
Holland - 2022

Deaths and Entrances
(solo show) - Mirada
Gallery Ravenna, Italy -
2015

Nothing Is More Real
Than Nothing (solo
show) -Pescara, Italy -
2014

LuxUrban -
Luxembourg 2013

TWO PERSON SHOWS

Aphelion (With
Nicholas Norris) -
Galerie PJ Metz France
2024

Verso (With Lars
Hempler) - Lene
Bilgrav Aarhus
Denmark 2023

Ataraxia (With
Rhiannon Salisbury) -
Hew Hood Gallery
London 2022

Faded Glory (With
Nick JS Thompson) -
Book&Job Gallery San
Francisco 2019

Everything Must Go
(With Hayden Kays) -
London 2015

SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

Florist - Lokal Gallery
Helsinki Finland 2024

Flower Power - Runo
Hotel Porvoo
Finland 2024

Fragments of
Spectrum - Youn
Contemporary Toronto
Canada 2024

Floral Arrangements -
Auxier Kline New York
USA 2024

As Yet Untitled -
Hexum Gallery
Vermont USA 2024

Mustavalkoinen -
Gallery Toinen Silma
Helsinki Finland 2024

Art Herning art fair
(with Lene Bilgrav)

Herning Denmark
2024

Art Busan Art Fair
(With Jari Lager
Gallery) - Busan Korea
2023

Art Toronto Art Fair
(With Duran Mashaal
Gallery) - Toronto
Canada 2023

20 Year Anniversary -
Union Gallery -
London, UK 2023

B&W - Duran Mashaal
Gallery, Montreal,
Canada 2023

London Art Fair (With
Union Gallery) -
London, UK 2023

Hanging Garden - Paja
& Bureau - Helsinki,
Finland 2023

Out of Office -
Asbestos Gallery -
Helsinki, Finland 2023

Papier - Delphian
Gallery - Charente,
France 2023

Summer Showcase -
Duran Mashaal
Gallery, Montreal,
Canada 2023

FunGalGroUpShow -
Sade Gallery LA 2022

Weeds Won't Wither -
Jari Lager Gallery
Cologne Germany
2022

Art Busan Art Fair
(With Jari Lager
Gallery) - Busan Korea
2022

Kiaf Art Fair (With
Galerie Thomas
Schulte) - Seoul Korea
2022

Lust For Life - De
Melkerij Veltem-
Beisem Belgium 2022

Daegu Art Fair (With
Jari Lager Gallery) -
Daegu Korea 2022

Clovermill Residency -
Holland 2022

Dandelion - Delphian
Gallery Basel 2021

In Praise Of Darkness -
Piermarq Sidney,
Australia 2021

Whelm - Leicester
Contemporary 2021

Backdoor Show - NBB
Gallery Berlin,
Germany 2021

Wasteland - The
Factory Project
London, UK 2021

Antisocial Isolation -
The Saatchi Gallery
London, UK 2020 (also
curating) 2020-21

Brindar Con Extraños
(curated by Francisco
Mendes Moreira) -
Trinta Arte
Contemporánea,
Spain 2020-21

Online Viewing Room
- Pt. 2 Gallery Oakland,
USA 2020

Live From The Deep
End - Gobstopper
Gallery Philadelphia
USA 2020

Online Viewing Room
- Pt.2 Gallery Oakland
USA 2020

Divergent Motion -
Delphian Gallery
London 2019

Trinity - The Saatchi Gallery London 2018	Synthesis - Saatchi Gallery London 2022	Wasteland - Delphian Gallery London 2021	uk solo show) - Delphian Gallery London 2018
JNY - The Saatchi Gallery London 2018	The Uncanny Valley (Conor Murgatroyd & Peter Doyle) - The Room London 2022	The Doors Of Perception (Florence Hutchings solo show) - Delphian Gallery Paris 2020	Open Call -Delphian Gallery London 2018
Cash Is King - The Saatchi Gallery London 2018	Delphian Open Call - Unit 1 Gallery London 2022	Antisocial Isolation - The Saatchi Gallery London 2020	Lost Coast (Carson Lancaster debut UK solo show) - Delphian Gallery London 2018
Hospital Rooms - Griffin Gallery London - 2018	Delphian Residency - La Cour de Husson France 2022	Delphian X Guts - The Factory London 2019	Printswap - theprintsplace London 2017
CURATED SHOWS	In Praise Of Darkness - Piermarq Gallery Sidney 2021	Habitual Submission - (Rhiannon Salisbury) - Delphian Gallery London 2019	Obscurely Prophetic - Delphian Gallery London 2017
The Way of All Flesh - Saatchi Gallery London 2024	Pulling Faces - (Igor Moritz debut UK solo show) - Delphian Gallery London 2021	Divergent Motion - Delphian Gallery London 2019	Relics - BSMT Space London 2016
<i>As Yet Untitled - Delphian Gallery Helsinki Finland 2024</i>	femininity - Rhiannon Salisbury solo show - Delphian Gallery London 2021	Open Call -Delphian Gallery London 2019	Defiance - John The Unicorn Peckham 2016
Papier - Delphian Gallery Helsinki Finland 2024	Following Nature - Una Ursprung solo show - Delphian Gallery London 2021	A Long Way from Home - (Igor Moritz & Kevin Perkins) - Delphian Gallery London 2019	The Decline of Conscience- Hundred Years Gallery 2015
Delphian Open Call 2024 - Unit 1 Gallery London 2023	Relax, The Universe is Expanding - David Shillinglaw solo show - Delphian Gallery London 2021	Some Pieces of Mind - (Bertrand Fournier debut UK solo show) - Delphian Gallery London 2019	Art on a Postcard 2 - Soho Revue 2015
Twenty Two - Naomi Boiko Stapleton solo show - Unit 1 Gallery London 2024	Fatal Shadow and Narcissus (Cathy Tabbakh & Elizabeth Power) - Delphian Gallery London 2021	Open Call -Delphian Gallery London 2019	Art on a Postcard 1- Whitfield Fine Art Soho - 2014
Papier - Delphian Gallery Charente France 2023	Origin - Delphian Gallery London 2021	Seating Arrangement - (Florence Hutchings debut solo show) - Delphian Gallery London 2018	Group Collective Are Kunsts - The Factory Whitechapel - 2013
Delphian Open Call 2023 - Unit 1 Gallery London 2023		Diary of an Introvert - (Jordy Kerwick debut	Fuck Christmas - Hoxton Gallery - 2012
Ill Met by Moonlight (Georg Wilson solo show) - Delphian Gallery/Artsy 2023			

OTHER SPEAKING/TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

Lectures - Rosso Arts Academy Shanghai, Academy of Fine Arts Helsinki, Instart Hangzhou China, Camberwell College of Arts, SKD art Beijing, University of Birmingham, The University of Bedfordshire, The Slade School of Fine Art, MaxSpace Academy Beijing, The University of Salford, The University of Brighton, Dunhuang Intangible Cultural Heritage Art Summer Camp China, The Factory/Guts Gallery, Cluster Art Fair, Copeland Gallery, theprintsplace, The Churchill War Rooms, Artiq, Loop.gl Art Prize, University of Ravenna, LuxUrban Luxembourg.

Poetry reading - Bring One Get Words Free - London 2022

INVITED JUROR ENGAGEMENTS

MyMA August 2023 Guest Judge

The Loop 2015 Guest Juror

WRITING ENGAGEMENTS

The Artist's Roadmap (working title) - Book to be published with Thames & Hudson early 2026

Navigating the Art World – Professional Practice for the Early Career Artist was released through Foolscap Editions in Spring 2020

The play Flowering Desolation was released in 2018.

Poetry collection Wild With Rage released Winter 2023.

Poetry collection Perfectly Careless, Final Separation released Summer 2022.

Benjamin regularly contributes essays and articles to print and online publications, including:

FAD Magazine (Online)

This Is Tomorrow (online)

AfterNyne Magazine (print and online)

Assemblage Magazine (online)

55 Pages (print and online)

ArteFuse (online)

Young Artists in Conversation (online)