

The Foyer Restaurant & Gallery 2010 Exhibition Programme

'GEOGRAPHY 2'

DOUG COCKER

17 AUG - 2 OCT 10

SCULPTURE

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Doug Cocker has exhibited widely in the UK and abroad for over 40 years and his work is in some of the world's most prestigious collections, including The Barbican, The Serpentine, London, The John David Mooney Foundation, Chicago, Taiwan Museum of Art, Collegium Artisticum, Sarajevo Galerije Grada, Zagreb Trondheim Biennalen, Norway, Morioko Hashimoto Museum of Art, Japan, Museul National Brukenthal, Sibiu, Romania, University of Hawaii, Yorkshire Sculpture Park and most major Scottish venues. He has work in public and private collections world wide and has undertaken over forty public art commissions including Mobil UK HQ - Aberdeen, RBS HQ - Bankside, London, Atlantic House - Cardiff, Hunterian Art Gallery - Glasgow, The Scottish Office - Edinburgh, and the Ben Lomond Memorial at Rowardennan. Whilst recognising that the activity of the artist, in keeping with our times, seems to increasingly emphasise the roles of organising, administering and selecting, Doug's own day to day engagement continues to be informed and sustained by a process of seeking and occasionally discovering through materials. He believes firmly that the alchemical dynamic at the core of visual art is best pursued through first hand manipulation of stuff.



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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Geography is the generic title for a body of wall works which have engaged me since 2008. At first glance they register as paintings but my interest lies in the way surface, form, texture and materials can be manipulated within a compressed depth to generate the qualities which really belong within the language of sculpture: hollow construction methodology, creation of surface shadows and establishing line through light manipulation. The works change identity in accordance with strength and direction of light source - a quality which fixes them, to my mind, in the category of wall sculptures.

PRIVATE VIEW - MONDAY 16 AUG 10