

Geoff Diego Litherland

Education

2010-2012 **MFA Fine Art** Goldsmiths University of London

2002 **BA Fine Art Painting** 1st Class Honours, Falmouth College of Art

1999 **BTEC Diploma Foundation Studies in Art**, LUSAD

Artists Biography

Geoff Diego Litherland is a Mexican born artist based in the UK. In 2012 he completed an MFA in Fine Art at Goldsmiths University of London. Recognition to date includes featuring in the Bonhams auction *A Contemporary Edge* in 2014, being selected for the 2013 Catlin Guide; in 2012 he won the Saatchi Online Surreal Showdown and the prestigious Warden's Purchase prize from Goldsmiths. He has also been selected for the John Moores 25 Painting prize at the Walker Gallery in Liverpool and won the Nottingham Castle Open in 2008; his work is featured in public and private collections worldwide. Geoff is currently an associate lecturer on the Fine Art course at Nottingham Trent University,

Artist Statement

Geoff's work explores the tension between the natural world and its grasping appropriation by human influence. It draws from the traditional genres of painting, together with the rusty surrealism of science fiction and the fantasia of abstraction. Creating parallel worlds that seek to not only question our perception of and relationship to nature, but paintings' historical and current role in that.

Awards and Achievements

2015 Selected as a Master Artist for Kunstpodium – T's European wide project, *Apprentice/Master*

2014 Featured in the Bonhams auction *A Contemporary Edge*

2013 Selected for the Summer Exhibition at the RA

2013 Chosen for the 2013 Catlin Guide

2012 Winner of the Surreal Saatchi Online Showdown

2012 Awarded the Wardens Purchase Prize from Goldsmiths College

2012 Selected for the Oriel Davies Open 2012

2011 Shortlisted for the Attenborough Prize at the Leicester Open 23

2011 Selected for the Salon Art Prize

2010 Selected for the FringeMK Painting Prize

2008 Winner of the Nottingham Castle Open

2008 Selected for the *John Moores 25 Painting Prize*

2007 Awarded - Arts Council Grant, Research and Development of fine art studio practice

2004 Luxa - Awarded the Grand Jury Prize at the Arizona Film Festival

2001 Sail Loft Bursary Awarded by Falmouth College of Arts

Solo Exhibitions

2015 *Infinite Summer*, Lacey Contemporary, London

2015 *Venture in the Slipstream*, Lakeside Arts Centre, Nottingham

2013 *We Were Never Here*, BEARSPACE, London

2013 *We Will Say Goodbye to Everything* Nancy Victor Gallery, London

2012 *Flat Like the Old Days* Watergate Gallery Hay on Wye

2012 *Geoff Diego Litherland New Paintings*, Tarpey Gallery, Castle Donnington

2011 *Collisions*, Art Work Space, London

2009 *Conjuntos*, Nottingham Castle Galleries

2009 *Multiverses*, Wallner Gallery, Lakeside Art Centre, Nottingham

2008 Goldfactory Research Space Residency, Egerton Studios, Nottingham

2007 *Falling Awake* (joint show with Michael Bowdidge) 1851 Gallery, Nottingham

2002 *Esperar*, Falmouth College of Arts Degree Show, Falmouth College of Arts

2001 *long5°29'wlat50°14'n*, Spring Gallery, Falmouth Arts Centre

Jury Selected Group Exhibitions

2014 Nottingham Castle Open, Nottingham Castle Galleries
2013 Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
2012 Oriel Davies Open, Newtown, Wales
2011 Open 23, Leicester New Walk Gallery and Museum
2011 Salon Art Prize, Matt Roberts Arts, London
2011 Nottingham Castle Open, Nottingham Castle Galleries
2011 Colour, Beldam Gallery, Brunel University, Uxbridge
2010 Crash, Charlie Dutton Gallery, London
2010 Nottingham Castle Open, Nottingham Castle Galleries
2008 Nottingham Castle Open, Nottingham Castle Galleries
2008 John Moores 25 Painting Prize, Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool
2008 Muse, Edgar Modern, Bath
2008 Spring Exhibition, J-Gallery, Northampton

Group Exhibitions

2015 *Five Points of Connection*, Backlit Gallery, Nottingham
2015 *The Tragedy of Landscape*, The Griffin Gallery, London
2015 *Collection of Small Paintings*, The Contemporary London at Space W10, London
2015 The London Art Fair, showing with Antlers Gallery
2014 The Contemporary London at Space W10, London
2014 *50 x 50 x 50*, Syson Gallery, Nottingham
2014 *Processed Space*, Lacey Contemporary, London
2014 Manchester Contemporary, showing with Syson Gallery
2014 Buy Art Fair, showing with Antlers gallery
2014 AAF Bristol, showing with Antlers Gallery
2014 *Exploration*, Antlers gallery, Bristol
2014 *A Contemporary Edge*, Bonhams, London
2014 Affordable Art Fair, Battersea London, showing with the Contemporary London
2014 The London Art Fair, showing with Bearspace, London
2013 *Refresh*, Bearspace, London
2013 *Spatial*, Antlers Gallery Bristol
2013 *An Undelivered Postcard from the Edge of the World*, Affordable Art Fair, Battersea, London.
2013 *Out of This World Part 1*, Syson Gallery, Nottingham
2013 *Burning Bright*, Saatchi Online Artists, Hyatt Hotel London, Selected by Rebecca Wilson
2013 The London Art Fair, showing with Bearspace, London
2012 *The Aftermath*, Bearspace, London
2012 *Flatland*, Blyth Gallery, London
2012 *Cluster II*, SW1 Gallery, London
2012 *Diamond Armour*, ARTicle Gallery, Birmingham
2012 *Be Real*, Hamni Gallery, London
2012 *Preposterous*, La Scatola Gallery, London
2012 MA Final Show, Goldsmiths College, London
2011 MA Interim Exhibition, Goldsmiths College, London
2011 *The Bookmark Project*, Nottingham Contemporary
2010 *Relay*, Core Gallery, Deptford, London
2010 *Closely Held Secrets*, Bonington Gallery, Nottingham
2010 *Race for The Prize*, Tether, Nottingham
2010 *Group Exhibition*, Tarpey Gallery, Castle Donington
2010 *A Moment before Decadence*, CoExist, Southend
2010 *Group exhibition*, Hart Gallery, Islington
2009 *New Artists*, Modern Artists Gallery, Whitchurch on Thames
2008 *Gold Soundz*, (currated by Geoff Diego Litherland) Southwell Artspace

2008 *Drawing Out*, Bonington Gallery, Nottingham Trent University
2007 *Summer Show*, Friar Lane Gallery, Nottingham
2007 *Anon*, Southwell Artspace
2007 *Town and Country*, Bonington Gallery, Nottingham
2006 *Process*, Southwell Artspace
2004 the premier of *Luxa* and the other *Echoes* films at the Arizona Film Festival
2003 *BAC!* Contemporary art in the Raval (group show), Tallers Mina, Barcelona
2003 *Tots els Continents a Gracia* (group show), La Cafetera, Gracia, Barcelona
2003 Salamander Gallery Westerham, Kent
2002 *Lights*, Crescent Arts, Scarborough
2002 *Fresh Air*, Studio 95, Brick Lane, London
2001 *St. Ives Open Studios* Cornwall