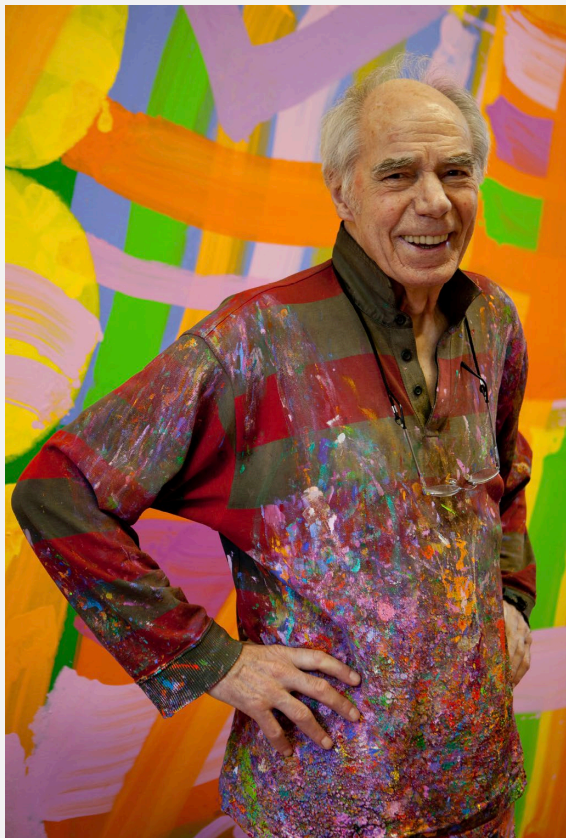


Albert Irvin (1922-2015)



About

Albert Irvin OBE RA was born in 1922 in London, where he continued to live and work throughout his life. In the early 1940's Irvin attended Northampton School of Art. His studies were interrupted when he was called up, serving as a navigator in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War. After the war ended, he enrolled at Goldsmiths College in London to resume his studies. In 1962, he returned to Goldsmiths where he taught for twenty years. He also taught as visiting lecturer at art colleges throughout Britain.

Irvin's first solo exhibition was in 1960 at 57 Gallery, Edinburgh followed by New Art Centre in London in 1963 and 1965. He went on to exhibit extensively throughout Europe, the USA and Australia.

A major retrospective of his work from 1960 to 1989 was held at the Serpentine Gallery, London in 1990.

Irvin was awarded a Travel Award to America by the Arts Council in 1968 and later received an Arts Council Major Award.

In 1970 he moved into his Studio in Stepney Green and continued travelling to work there from his home at least 3 times a week into his 90s.

He formed a working relationship with Advanced Graphics London in 1979 and began producing screenprints with them - the start of a very successful venture.

His works are held in many public collections including Tate, Royal Academy and the Victoria and Albert Museum, London; The British Council; Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin; Manchester City Art Gallery; Leeds Art Gallery and The Art Gallery of New South Wales in Sydney.

In 1998 Irvin was elected Royal Academician and in 2013 was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to the visual arts.

He continued painting and printmaking until he died on 26th March 2015, aged 92 in St George's Hospital, London

The Albert Irvin Estate is run by his daughters Priscilla Hashmi and Celia Irvin, and is exclusively represented by 3812 Gallery in Asia.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 *Albert Irvin: The Art of Water*, 3812 Gallery, London
- 2021 *Brought to Light Watercolour Show*, Royal Academy, London
- 2018 *Retrospective: Albert Irvin and Abstract Expressionism*, RWA, Bristol
- 2017 *The Early Works 1950 - 1970*, Whitford Fine Art, London
- 2015 *Albert Irvin RA OBE, Painting the Human Spirit*, Gimpel Fils, London
Albert Irvin, Gouaches and Prints, University Gallery & Baring Wing, Northumbria
Universitz Gallery, Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK
- 2013 *Albert Irvin*, Crosstown, Advanced Graphics, London
- 2012 *Albert Irvin*, Borris House, Barrow River Arts Festival, Ireland
Albert Irvin: 90th Year Celebration Paintings and prints, Bohun Gallery
Albert Irvin at 90: a survey exhibition, Clifford Chance, London
Fidelio, Gimpel Fils, London
Royal Oak, Monoprints, Advanced Graphics London, London
- 2011 *Print Retrospective*, University Gallery and Baring Wing,
University of Northumbria, Newcastle
Inextinguishable, Gimpel Fils, London
Albert Irvin RA: From Holyrood to Stratford, Sir Hugh Casson Room, Royal Academy, London
- 2010 *Threshold*, Space Station, Beijing, China
New Work, Gimpel Fils, London
Print Retrospective, Advanced Graphics London/ Kings Place, London
Tabard: Albert Irvin, Churchill College, Cambridge
- 2009 *Albert Irvin: A Retrospective*, University Gallery and Baring Wing, University of Northumbria, Newcastle
Albert Irvin, Galerie Gimpel & Müller, Paris
- 2008 *Albert Irvin*, Manton Wing staircase display, Tate Britain, London
Albert Irvin, Peppercanister, Dublin
Recent Prints, Advanced Graphics, London
Albert Irvin: A Retrospective, Kings Place Gallery
Albert Irvin: Six Paintings, Kings Place Foyer
- 2007-8 *Urban Journey*, Gimpel Fils, London
- 2006 *New Works*, Peppercanister Gallery, Dublin
- 2005-6 *New Editions and Monoprints*, Advanced Graphics, London
- 2004-5 *Midsummer*, Gimpel Fils, London
- 2003 *Paintings and Prints*, Storey Gallery, Lancaster
Peppercanister Gallery, Dublin
- 2002 *Four Score*, Gimpel Fils, London
Malerei, Galerie Stuhler, Berlin
Advanced Graphics Print Show, London
- 2001 *Paintings & Prints 1991-2001*, West Cork Arts Centre, Skibbereen

- 2000 *Prints & Paintings 1980-2000*, Advanced Graphics, London
- 1999 Royal West of England Academy, Bristol
Orion Gallery, Brussels
- 1998 *Abbaye Saint-André*, Centre d'art contemporain, Meymac
Dean Clough Gallery, Halifax
Works on paper - touring German museums
Gimpel Fils, London, celebrating the launch of 'Albert Irvin - Life to Painting',
monograph, pub.Lund Humphries, London.
- 1997 Galerie Stühler, Berlin
Galerie Wassermann, Berlin
- 1996/7 Gimpel Fils, London
- 1996 Millfield School, Somerset
Oriol Theatre, Clwyd
- 1995 Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin
- 1994 Powell Moya Partnership, London
Gimpel Fils, London
Wasserman Galerie, Munich
Chapter Gallery, Cardiff
Woodlands Art Gallery
- 1993 Campo Vlaamse Kaai, Antwerp
Bodilly Gallery, Cambridge
Flowers Graphics - Prints
Design for Diversions Dance Company
- 1992 Galeria Punto, Valencia
Chelmsford Cathedral Festival
Oxford Gallery
Galerie Klaus Lupke, Frankfurt
Gimpel Fils, London
Wolf At The Door, Penzance
- 1991 Playhouse Gallery, Harlow
Peter Scott Gallery, Lancaster University
Flowers East, London - Prints
- 1990 Serpentine Gallery, London
Gimpel Fils, London
Spacex Gallery, Exeter
Oriol and Chapter Galleries, Cardiff
Castlefield Gallery, Manchester
Gallery Monochrome, Brussels
- 1989 Talbot Rice Gallery, Edinburgh
Carine Campo Gallery, Antwerp
- 1988 Gimpel & Weitzenhoffer Gallery, New York
- 1987 Carine Campo Gallery, Antwerp
- 1986 Gimpel Fils, London
Hendriks Gallery, Dublin

- 1985 Coventry Gallery, Sydney
Butler Gallery, Kilkenny Castle, Kilkenny
Arcade Gallery, Harrogate
 - 1984 Gimpel Fils, London
Demarcation, Edinburgh Festival
Jersey Arts Council Gallery
 - 1983 Third Eye Centre Gallery, Glasgow
Aberdeen Art Gallery
Ikon Gallery, Birmingham
 - 1982 Gimpel Fils, London
Goldsmiths College Gallery, London
 - 1981 Manchester Polytechnic Gallery
 - 1980 Acme Gallery, London
Bede Gallery, Jarrow
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Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2022 Celebration - British Abstract Painting, Mercer Art Gallery, Harrogate
- 2021 The Expressive Mark, The Stanley & Audrey Burton Gallery, Parkinson Building, Leeds University, LS2 9JT
After Nature, 3812 Gallery Hong Kong & London
- 2018 Albert Irvin The Late Works 2000-2014 and Jenny Watson Limits, Gimpel Fils, London
Celebrating Ten Years at Kings Place, Piano Nobile at King's Place, London
- 2017 MONO - An Exhibition of Unique Prints, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Modern & Contemporary Prints, The Art Stable, UK
Collector's Choice, Gimpel Fils, London, UK
BOLD : Albert Irvin, Sir Terry Frost, John Hoyland, Beaux Arts, London
- 2016 Memorial Display of Albert Irvin work at Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy
- 2013 Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
Alan Davie RA and Albert Irvin RA, Gimpel Fils, London
London Group Centenary Exhibition, Pitzhanger Manor Gallery & House, London
British Prints, Gimpel Fils, London
The Horse that has Visions of Immortality, Gimpel Fils, London
- 2012 Summer Exhibition, Kings Space Gallery, London
Barrow River Arts Festival, Borris House, Ireland
Encounter: The Royal Academy in Asia, Singapore
Encounter: The Royal Academy in The Middle East, Doha
- 2011 Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
- 2010 Come to Richmond, The Richmond Hill Gallery, Surrey
Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
Colour is the Keyboard, Gimpel Fils, London
- 2009 Open Exhibition, The London Group, London
Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
- 2008 Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
The Colour Show, Hilton Young Fine Art, Penzance
- 2007 Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
- 2006 Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
Summer Exhibition, Lemon Street Gallery, Cornwall
Realites Nouvelles, Paris
Painting by Other Means: Non-figurative works from the collection of the Irish
Museum of Modern Art, Oriel Mostyn Gallery, Wales
- 2005 Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
1979, Bloomberg SPACE, London
The Discerning Eye, Mall Galleries, London
- 2004 Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
174th RHA Annual Exhibition, RHA Gallagher Gallery, Dublin
Tracing the Land, Gimpel Fils, London

- 2003 The London Group, Peter Clossick at The Gallery in Cork Street
Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
Cabinet Paintings, Compass Gallery, Glasgow
- 2001/2 Square Root, Sarah Myerscough Gallery, London
- 2001 Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
Selection from Collection of Royal Bank of Scotland, City Art Gallery, Edinburgh
Works on Paper, Galerie Stuhler, Berlin
Zen and the Art of Cities, Rivington Gallery, London
Create Quarters, Museum of London
RWA, Bristol
RHA, Dublin
The London Group', Walk Gallery, London
- 2000 Small is Beautiful, Flowers East, London
Local Colour, Bury St. Edmunds Gallery
City Art Gallery, London
Summer Prospects, Orion Gallery, Ostend
5 British Painters, Flowers West, Los Angeles
Galerie Stuhler, Berlin
Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
The Discerning Eye, Mall Galleries, London
Advanced Graphics at Original Print Gallery, Dublin
- 1999 The Discerning Eye, Mall Galleries, London
Kunst Schmuck Kunst, Galerie Stuhler, Berlin
Compass Gallery, Glasgow
21, Spacex Gallery, Exeter
Small is Beautiful, Flowers West, Los Angeles
Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
- 1998 The Discerning Eye, Mall Galleries, London
25 Years of the Visual Arts, Bulter Gallery, Kilkenny
Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
- 1997 The Subjects of Art, Nat West Group Art Collection
- 1996 Small is Beautiful, Flowers East, London
- 1995 Cabinet Art, Jason and Rhodes, London
10 Years in Galerie Im Griechenbeisl, Vienna
British Abstract Painting, Atkinson, Millfield, Somerset
- 1994 Here and Now, Serpentine Gallery, London
Painters and Prints, Curwen Gallery, London
Castlefield 10th Anniversary, Castlefield Gallery and Whitworth Art Gallery,
Manchester
Contemporary Prints, Flowers Graphics
British Abstract Painting, Flowers East, London
Critics Choice, Clare Henry, NS Gallery, Glasgow
12 Contemporary British Printmakers, Karelian Republic Art Museum, Russia
- 1993 CCA Galleries, London
Flowers East Gallery, London
Egyptian International Print Triennale
The Byker Art Show, Newcastle

- 1992 Royal Academy Summer Exhibition (Invited artist), 1993, 1994 and 1995
Whitechapel Open (Invited artist)
- 1991-3 Courtauld Institute Loan Collection
- 1991 Bradford Print Biennale at Royal College of Art, London
Gimpel Fils - Bath Festival (with Alan Davie)
Downeen Collection, Co. Cork, Ireland
Guinness Hop Store, Dublin - European large format print-making
Goldsmiths' College, University of London, Centenary Exhibition (Selector)
Peter Stuyvesant Collection
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
- 1990 Great British Art Show, McLellan Galleries, Glasgow
- 1989 International Print Biennale, Ljubljana
The Experience of Painting, Laing Gallery, Newcastle, touring
- 1988 Beattie, Hoyland, Irvin, Sunderland
Presence of Painting, Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield, touring Carine Campo Gallery, Antwerp
European Biennale Graphic Art, Baden-Baden
- 1987 Royal Academy (prizewinner), and in 1988, 1989 [prizewinner], 1990 and 1991
- 1986 Bradford Print Biennale (prizewinner) and in 1990
- 1985 Home and Abroad, Serpentine Gallery
- 1984 ROSC '84, Dublin
- 1983 Contemporary British Painters, Madrid
- 1982 Hayward Annual
- 1980 Hayward Annual, Hayward Gallery, London
John Moores Liverpool, and in 1982 (prizewinner) 1987, 1989 and 1991, 1995
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Public / Corporate Collections

Museums/Public Galleries:

Aberdeen Art Gallery, Art Gallery of New South Wales (Sydney), Arts Council Collection, Arts Council of Great Britain, Birmingham City Art Gallery, Blackburn Art Gallery, British Academy, British Council, Huddersfield Art Gallery, Irish Museum of Modern Art (Dublin), Leeds Art Gallery, Manchester Art Gallery, Mappin Gallery (Sheffield), Neue Galerie der Stadt Linz (Austria), New England Regional Art Gallery (NSW, Australia), Newport Street Gallery, Pensecola Museum (Florida), RA London, RWA Bristol, Schindler Collection (Zurich), Sheffield Galleries & Museum Collections, Städtische Kunstsammlungen (Ludwigshafen, Germany), Stoke City Art Gallery, Stuyvesant Collection (Holland), Tate Gallery (London), Victoria and Albert Museum (London), Whitworth Gallery (Manchester), Wolverhampton Art Gallery

University Collections:

Goldsmiths Uni, London
Moller Centre, Churchill College Cambridge Uni
Warwick Uni, Warwickshire
Wolfson College, Oxford

London Hospitals:

Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, Chelsea
Homerton, Hackney
Moorfields
St Georges, Tooting
St Thomas's
West Middlesex

Maggie's Cancer Centre - Newcastle