

JAMES LAKE

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STATEMENT

I am a sculptor. I work with cardboard for its immediacy, ease of availability and low environmental impact. My disability and dyslexia have also influenced my choice of material and the way I create my sculptures. For over twenty years I have created life-size three-dimensional portraits of people. I have also made animals, anatomical models, furniture, and other large-scale work for commission. I believe in art for all, art beyond race, gender, age, ability, and disability. My work has appeared in the world-renowned Lucca Biennale and in local primary schools, as well as arts centres and exhibition spaces locally and nationally.

EDUCATION

2005-2007 PGCE Certificate in Post Compulsory Education, University of Plymouth
1999-2004 BA (Hons) Fine Art, University of Plymouth

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2019 Body Parts, China House, London
2018 Lucca Biennale, Lucca, Tuscany
2017 Outside In Journeys, Sotheby's, London
2013 Gold Run, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, and The Lightbox Gallery, Woking
2012 Gold Run: Remix, Dilston Grove, London

COMMISSIONS

2019 Stanley Security Ltd – I used recycled materials to create a large-scale installation based on a world map, sited in the main reception, Exeter.
2018 Ikea – To celebrate a new store opening in Exeter I was commissioned to make cardboard furniture based on their designs
2017 Rajapack – I was commissioned to make a short video using cardboard to show the 'Art of Recycling'
2017 Brewhouse Theatre & Arts Centre, Taunton – I was commissioned to create an installation to mark the 40th anniversary of the Brewhouse.
2014 Olympic Park, London – For National Paralympic Day I was commissioned to make cardboard hands showing BSL

AWARDS AND FUNDING

2020 Arts Council England: Professional development funding
2020 Henry Moore Foundation: Artistic Practice Bursary
2018 Lucca Biennale: Lifetime Achievement Award
2009 TACO 3D (Torre Abbey Contemporary Open): People's Choice Award

EMPLOYMENT

2013-present DAISI Arts Practitioner, Devon Schools - Working across all key stages
2005-present Magic Carpet Arts for Health, Exeter - Workshop leader

References available on request