

TRAVESIA CUATRO

YOU ARE INNOCENT WHEN YOU DREAM

JOHN ISAACS

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TRAVESIA CUATRO presents the second solo exhibition in the gallery of John Isaacs, "You Are Innocent when You Dream"

John Isaacs' (Lancaster, 1968) work encompasses many different media, though much of it has origins in sculpture. The artist continually redefines his style, moving seamlessly through installation, sculpture, photography, film, painting and drawing.

Whatever the media, Isaacs' pieces always inspire contemplation. Whether it is a grotesquely real, severed arm with the word HATE tattooed across its knuckles, or a small, painterly ink drawing of a unicorn, the artist's work always contains a thread of mystical wonder and brutish reality. Through his often humorous mixing of appealing optimism with abject pessimism, Isaacs examines our historically and culturally determined conventions. In so doing, the artist makes no distinctions between high and low, finding instead that all things have their root in the same base instincts.

John Isaacs has exhibited extensively on an international level over the last 14 years. Exhibitions include Wonderful Life, Lisson Gallery, London, 1993; Young British Artists 6, Saatchi Gallery, London, 1996; Spectacular Bodies, Hayward Gallery, London, 2000; Century City, Tate Modern, 2001; Minimal Maximal, Kyoto National Museum of Art, Japan, 2001; Voices from the ID, Beaconsfield, London, 2002; Mike Kelley - The Uncanny, Tate Liverpool, 2004; Les Grandes Spectacles, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, 2005; Murdeme Collection, Serpentine Gallery, London, 2006-2007. Isaacs was guest lecturer at The Getty Foundation Los Angeles in 2005; Other Criteria has published a book of his work. He recently participated in the in the group show "Mythologies" at Haunch of Venison London and in the group exhibition "Distortion" at the Gervasuti Foundation curated by James Putnam, a collateral event of the 53 Biennale di Venezia.

His work is being shown now at TATE Britain, London, in the group show Rude Britannia, British Comic Art.

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