

# Laura Cooper

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## Statement

I am drawn to small, mundane and abstract details of everyday life. Through obsessive studio experimentation engaging painting, sculptural materials and performance, I use video to document traces of my personal habits, relationships and acts. Through repetition of such acts in 'performance to camera' exercises I attempt to reorder our prescribed perceptions, sense of logic and experience of time.

## Education

Glasgow School of Art 2002-06.

1<sup>st</sup> class BA Hons in Fine Art Painting/Printmaking.

## Upcoming Exhibitions

- 2007-08    IV Castellon International Expanded Painting Prize, Museo de Bellas Artes De Castellon, Valencia. Touring to Madrid Spain.
- 2008        *Mediatised Sites* Collaborative Mediatised Performance Project

## Exhibitions

- 2007        *Home Grown* Media Maker, Shrewsbury Museum and Gallery
- 2007        *Fay Incorporated*  
Collaborative Performance/Installation with artist Fay Nicholson and  
7 female artists, dancers and choreographers  
The Toilet Gallery, Kingston, London
- 2007        *After Human*  
73 Trongate Glasgow
- 2007        *Darkspace*  
Video Screening, New Scottish Film and Video Work  
The Royal Scottish Academy Edinburgh
- 2007        *New Territories Winter School*  
Performance (with Jessica Hill)  
New Moves International, Tramway Glasgow
- 2006        *Expo2006*  
Bonington Gallery, Nottingham
- 2006        *Embassy Members Show*  
The Embassy, Edinburgh

- 2006      *Degree Show*  
Glasgow School of Art
- 2006      *RSA Student Exhibition,*  
The Royal Scottish Academy
- 2005      *Kyoto Seika\_Kino Mastsuri Festival*  
Kyoto Seika University, Kyoto City, Japan

## **Professional Development/Experience**

- 2007              Morning After Artist Professional Development Program  
The Creative Alliance, Birmingham.
- 2007              GOTO10 Pure Data software Artist Professional Development course at the CCA  
(Centre for Contemporary Arts Glasgow)
- 2007              Tramway Winter School, a series of artists' workshops
- 2005              Spent a month working and living in Venice working for the Scottish arts council  
invigilating at the Venice Biennale. Lived and worked aboard, dealing with an  
international audience employing creative and flexible social communication skills.
- 2004-5            Travel scholarship. Lived and studied in Japan for a period of four and a half months.
- 2006              Designed and made the theatre set for a Ramshorn theatre production of  
Christopher Druang's *Beyond Therapy*, directed by Bruce Downie.

## **Collaborations/Projects**

### **After Human**

*After Human* is a project that brings together 5 Glasgow based artists who in March 2007 exhibited together in a disused commercial shop unit, Trongate Glasgow. These artists, using a range of different subject matter, make work that explores the production of artwork itself. Whether dealing with the impact technology has on our consciousness, the search for an alternative spirituality or the systemisation of our interaction with one another, these works objectively examine how our surroundings mediate perception, and how this mediation in turn effects the contemporary art object.

### **Laura Cooper and Jessica Hill**

We have been collaborating since February 2007. Our performances focus on our bodies and their relationship to the objects in a space. We attempt to address the preconceptions of, and the limits of our human form, challenging our learned behavior and actions toward everyday domestic objects. The recent durational work, *Egg Fall* is a clash of visual languages in a live performance environment (first performed at Tramway Theatre, Glasgow in February 2007).

### **Matt Roberts Arts**

[www.mattrobertsarts.org.uk](http://www.mattrobertsarts.org.uk)

I am involved in the promotion and development of this artists run not for profit organisation and the monthly e-bulletin 'ARTARTART'. I am a regional advisor for Matt Roberts Arts (tasks involve reviewing exhibitions, research and creating artist networks).

## **Residencies**

- 2008              Artist Residency at Shrewsbury International School Bangkok (forthcoming)

## **Prizes/Awards**

- 2006              Jock Mcphee Painting Prize for the GSA Painting Graduate of the year.
- 2003              Ludlow Artists Association Annual Art Prize.