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ARTS COUNCIL COLLECTION AT

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New acquisitions from the Arts Council Collection

First chance to see cutting edge British art

Bothy Gallery, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, 4 April - 28 June 2009

This spring the Arts Council Collection present a display of 'New Acquisitions' including film, collage, sculpture, paintings and drawings, shown exclusively in the Bothy Gallery at Yorkshire Sculpture Park from 4 April, continuing throughout May and June.

Lizzie Docherty, from the Arts Council Collection explains 'the first Saturday of each month sees the start of a new display of the most recent acquisitions to the Arts Council Collection, giving an insight into the work of some of Britain's hottest contemporary art talent.'

These displays include recent work by: Luke Collins, Iain Forsyth & Jane Pollard, John Frankland, Torsten Lauschmann, David Shrigley, Steven Claydon, Kate Davis, Susan Philipsz, Amikam Toren, Jeremy Deller and Emily Wardill.

To request an interview with participating artists and for further information about the New Acquisitions display please contact Lizzie Docherty on 01924 830900 or email lizzie.docherty@southbankcentre.co.uk

Notes to Editors

The Arts Council Collection supports artists in this country through the purchase and display of their work. Since it was founded in 1946, the Collection's acquisitions policy has always been characterised by a spirit of risk taking combined with an informed appraisal of current practice. As a consequence the Arts Council Collection is now the largest national loan collection of modern and contemporary British art in the world, and includes fine examples of work by many of this country's most prominent artists. It is the most widely circulated of all Britain's national collections and can be seen in exhibitions at museums and galleries across the UK and abroad. The Arts Council Collection is managed by The Hayward, Southbank Centre, London on behalf of Arts Council England.

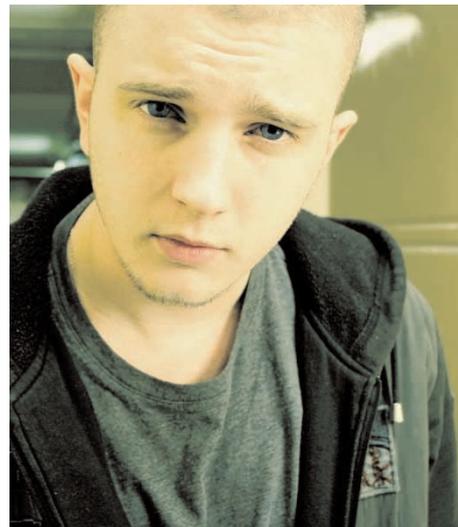
Acquisitions are made through a committee of six individuals, usually an artist, a writer, a curator, and a senior representative from the Hayward and Arts Council England. Working on a two year cycle the committee makes recommendations to purchase innovative works of art that reflect artistic practice in Britain at that time.

For more information about the Arts Council Collection, and to search online, visit www.artscouncilcollection.org.uk

The Bothy Gallery is open daily from 10am-4pm. Please check exhibition dates as the gallery will be closed during changeover periods. For further visitor information see www.yosp.co.uk

Exhibition dates: 4 April – 28 April 2009 / 2 May – 31 May 2009 / 6 June – 28 June 2009

YSP is an independent art gallery, accredited museum and registered charity number 1067908. YSP receives funding from: Arts Council England, Wakefield MDC, The Henry Moore Foundation and West Yorkshire Grants. www.yosp.co.uk



I. Forsyth & J. Pollard, *Walking After Acconci (Redirected Approaches)*, 2005 © the artist



Amikam Toren, *Received Wisdom*, 2006 © the artist



Kate Davis, *Partners Study (Figure 1)*, 2005 © the artist