

Simon Hitchens

C L O S E

Education

1990 BA Hons Fine Art, University West England

Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 *Parallels*, Somerset Rural Life Museum, Glastonbury, curated by CLOSE
- 2022 *Beyond Body*, Black Swan Arts, Somerset
- 2021 *Trace*, Kevis Gallery, Petworth
- 2019 *Thinking Beyond Rock*, Cheeseburn, Northumberland
- 2017 *Touchstones, b-side*, Portland
- 2009 *A Separate Reality*, Royal British Society of Sculptors, London
- 2008 *Presence and Absence*, Maddox Arts, London
- 2006 *Napoleon Garden*, Holland Park, London
- 2005 *Simon Hitchens*, Spica Museum, Tokyo
- 2004 *Present*, Paul Stolder Gallery, London
- In the Presence of Absence*, St Stephen Walbrook, City of London
- Seeking the Sublime*, Hestercombe Gardens and Brewhouse Art Centre, Taunton, Somerset
- 1998 *New work*, A22 Lystall Street, Paul Stolper, London.

Selected Group exhibitions

- 2025 *Frieze Sculpture 2025*, Regent's Park, London (17 Sept-2 Nov 2025) in conjunction with CLOSE Viewing Room, Balcombe Street, London
- AFTER NATURE*, CLOSE Gallery, Somerset (13 Sept-25 Oct 2025) continuation to Proposition Bethnal Green, London (21 Nov-14 Feb 2026)
- IN TIME*, ArtMoorHouse, London (in collaboration with CLOSE Ltd)
- RWA Annual Open Exhibition (6 Sept-28 Dec 2025), Royal West of England Academy, Bristol
- Postcards from Seydisfjordur* (23-25 May 2025), LungA School, Iceland
- See Here Now*, (4 April-8 June 2025), Grizedale Forest Gallery, Cumbria
- Every Step of the Way*, (4 April-16 July 2025), The Arc, Winchester
- 2024 *AT The Bus* charity exhibition at Sotheby's London
- A Skin Made Porous*, Anima Mundi Gallery, St Ives
- 2023 *Landscapes of Progress?*, Hestercombe Gallery, Somerset
- Lines of Empathy*, CLOSE Gallery, Somerset
- Changing Landscapes*, Wilderness Art Collective, Arc Studios, London
- Wander Land*, Tremenhoe, Penzance, Royal Society of Sculptors
- Lines of Empathy*, Patrick Heide Contemporary Art, London
- 2022 *The Hitchens Family: A Shared Love of Landscape*, Southampton City Art Gallery

- Samhain*, Anima Mundi Gallery, St Ives, Cornwall (online)
RWA Open, Bristol
Together We Rise, Chichester Cathedral
Forever in the Now, Woking, Surrey
- 2021 *Thresholds*, Anima Mundi, St Ives, Cornwall
 2020 *Beyond Ourselves*, Anima Mundi, St Ives, Cornwall
Ode to a Nightingale, Anima Mundi, St Ives, Cornwall
Somerset Reacquainted, Somerset Rural Life Museum
- 2019 *Parallel Lines*, Lightbox, Woking
Cheeseburn Sculpture, Northumberland
Ivon, John and Simon Hitchens, Kevis House, Petworth
RWA Sculpture Open
RWA Summer Open
- 2018 *Faces of Sculpture*, Royal Society of Sculptors, London
Glass, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London
RWA Open Exhibition, Bristol
Cheeseburn Sculpture, Northumberland
- 2017 *RWA Open*, Bristol
Drawn, RWA, Bristol
Buffet d'Art, Hestercombe Gallery, Taunton
- 2016 *CAN Mountain Arts Festival*, Rheged, Cumbria
Wells Art Contemporary, Wells
RWA Summer Exhibition, Bristol
Mending Revealed, Bridport Arts Centre. Dorset
- 2015 *Wells Art Contemporary*, Wells
CAN Mountain Arts Festival, Rheged, Cumbria
Second Site, Hestercombe Gallery, Taunton, Somerset
Bedales 25, Bedales Gallery, Petersfield Hampshire
- 2013 *On Form London*, Crypt Gallery, London
- 2012 *Interesting Times*, Leicester University
On Form, 2012, Asthall Manor, Oxfordshire
- 2011 *Under A New Sun*, OSR Projects, Somerset
Sculpture at The Grove, Grove Hotel, Hertfordshire
- 2011 *Woburn Artbeat*, Woburn Abbey Gardens, Bedfordshire
Pincent Masons, London
Received Wisdom, Arlington Art Centre, Newbury
Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden, Ockley, Surrey
- 2010 *Small is Beautiful XXVIII*, Flowers, London
Ego Alter, Square1 Art, Arundel, Sussex
On Form, 2010, Asthall Manor, Oxfordshire
Ludlow Open, Ludlow, Shropshire
Quartz Arts Festival, Queen's College, Taunton, Somerset
Sculpture in Paradise, Chichester Cathedral, Sussex
Chelsea Flower Show, London
Found, Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury, Berkshire
- 2009 *Ten artists*, Ludlow, Shropshire
A Quiet Knowledge, Arlington Arts Center, Berkshire
Art Contact Sculpture Show, Horseheath, Cambridgeshire
Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden, Ockley, Surrey
Sound and Vision, Ilminster Arts Centre, Somerset
- 2008 *Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden*, Ockley, Surrey
- 2007 *Small is beautiful XXIV*, Flowers Central, London
Spectrum, Abbey House Gardens, Malmesbury
Gulf Art Fair, Madinat Jumeira, Dubai
- 2006 *Small is beautiful XXIII*, Flowers Central, London
RBS, Rollo Contemporary Art, London

- 2005 *Small is beautiful XXII*, Flowers Central, London
Jerwood Sculpture Prize, Jerwood space, London
Sculpture in the planning, Atkinson Gallery, Millfield School, Somerset
RBS Centenary Exhibition, Leicester University, Leicester
Royal British Society of Sculptors, Inside Annual 2005, London
- 2004 *Ivon*, John and Simon Hitchens, The Canon Gallery, Petworth, Sussex
Imagine, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London
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Art '04, Paul Stolper, London
Bologna Art Fair, Paul Stolper, Italy
- 2003 *Frieze Art Fair*, Regents Park, London
40 Designers, Aubrey Square, London
Turin Art Fair, Paul Stolper, Italy
C21 art fair, Paul Stolper, London
Art '03, Paul Stolper, London
Inaugural Exhibition, Paul Stolper Gallery, London
Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London
- 2002 *Think Big*, Peggy Guggenheim Museum, Venice
Somerset Art Week, The Manor House, Curry Mallet, Somerset
Art '02, Wiseman Originals, London
c20th Art Fair, Paul Stolper, London
Royal British Society of Sculptors, Summer Exhibition, London
Farmilo Fiumano, London
- 2001 *In the blood*, Wiseman Originals, London
Cynthia Corbett Gallery, London
Cynthia Corbett Gallery, Boston Art Fair
- 2000 *Defining the times*, Milton Keynes Gallery, Milton Keynes
- 1999 *Outside Art*, Arundel Cathedral, Arundel
Art '99, Paul Stolper, London
Seeing the light, Chichester Cathedral, Chichester
- 1998 *c20th Art Fair*, Royal College of Art, London
- 1997 *Eight by Eight*, Pallent House, Chichester
Young Blood, Crane Kalman, London
Lewes Sculpture Trail, Lewis Castle, Lewis
- 1996 *Crane Kalman*, London
- 1995 *Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden*, Ockley, Surrey
Crane Kalman, FIAC, Paris
Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden, Ockley, Surrey
Contemporary Art Society Market, Royal Festival Hall, London
Summer Show, Cadogan Contemporary, London
- 1994 *Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden*, Ockley, Surrey
CAS Market, Royal Festival Hall, London
- 1993 *London Group Open*, Barbican, London
St. Albans Art, St. Albans Cathedral
- 1992 *London Group Open*, Barbican, London

Prizes and Awards

- 2004 *Vital Elements*, Cass Sculpture Foundation, Goodwood
In The Presence of Absence, Arts Council Grant, St. Stephen Wallbrook, London
- 2004 *Shortlisted Jerwood Sculpture Prize*, London

- 2002 *Quiet Core*, Cass Sculpture Foundation, Goodwood
- 1996 *Sculpture Symposium*, Barichara, Columbia (British Council)
- 1994 *Sculpture Symposium*, Presov, Slovakia (British Council)

Public Commissions

- 2022 *Physis*, public engagement sculpture for Pfizer, Science Museum Manchester & Science Museum London
- 2018 *ongoing Ascendant: The Elizabeth Landmark*, Northumberland
- 2015 *The Space Between*, M&G Real Estate, Forbury Place, Reading
- Evidence of the Unseen Mountain*, Native Land, Chelsea, London
- 2014 *Glorious Beauty*, Berkeley Homes, Kensington, London
- 2013 *Unity*, Urbanest, Kings Cross, London
- Transition Point*, Leys School, Cambridge
- 2009 *Positive Emptiness II*, 'Oasis' cruise liner.
- 2007 *Parallel Presence*, Limeharbour, London
- 2006 *Prospect Place*, Bellway Homes, Cardiff Bay
- 2005 *Coastline*, Workington, Cumbria
- 2003 *Shining Silence*, 100 Brompton Road, London
- 2001 *Rubus Five*, Rubus Court, London Road, Bracknell
- 1999 *Quiet Understanding*, Conquest Hospital, Hastings

Private Commissions

- 2019- *The Elizabeth Landmark*, Northumberland
- 2011 *The Trees of Life*, Prior's Court School, Berkshire
- 2009 *The Balance of Entropy*, Tetbury.
- In the Light of Night*, Tetbury.
- 2006 *Core*, Sarraf, Hertfordshire
- Silence Shining*, Fulham, London
- 2005 *Link*, Weybridge, Surrey
- 2004 *Blue Silence*, Sintons Solicitors, Newcastle
- Entropic Circle*, Stanmore, London
- 1998 *Risen*, Berkshire

