

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

2026 *Cosmos: The Art of Observing Space*, Aberdeen Art Gallery (21 Nov-11 Apr 2027)
RWA 173 Annual Open (12 Sept-3 Jan 2027)
Postcards for Seydisfjörður, Icelandic Embassy, Copenhagen, by HARDPAINING
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 Seydisfjörður* (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, Asthall Manor, Oxfordshire
- 2011 *Under A New Sun*, OSR Projects, Somerset *Sculpture at The Grove*, Grove Hotel, Hertfordshire
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
j+ban, 2004, Spica Museum, Tokyo
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
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

2025 *Geogenesis*, Doha, Qatar
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
2014 *Evidence of the Unseen Mountain*, Native Land, Chelsea, London
2013 *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

Talks & Lectures

April 27th, 2026: 6.30-7.30pm Zoom public talk at the [RWA](#) with artist Susan York.
March 7th, 2026: 11am. Public talk about Hitchens' work at the RWA (as part of their monthly tours).
The tour is included in the price of an exhibition ticket.
March 5th, 2026: 6.30-8.30pm. Public discussion with Ione Parkin at the [RWA Cosmos exhibition](#),
organised by Artbar & RWA. This is a ticketed event.
February 28th, 2026: 10am-4pm. Public symposium at the [Royal Astronomical Society](#) London, as

part of the Cosmos exhibition. This is a ticketed event.

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