

## **Stephen Chambers R.A.**

Stephen Chambers R.A. is one of the most original painters of his generation. His work is characterised by highly distinctive imagery, seductively beautiful colour, and intricate pattern. Although at first sight many of Chambers' works have a narrative quality, they intrigue rather than explain.

## **Biography**

- 2016 Honorary Fellowship, Downing College, Cambridge University
- 2005 Elected as Royal Academician
- 1998/9 Fellowship at Kettle's Yard/Downing College, Cambridge
- 1995 Elephant Trust Award
- 1989 Mark Rothko Memorial Trust Award
- 1986/7 Painting Fellow Winchester College of Art
- 1985 Artist in Residence Portsmouth Polytechnic
- 1983/4 Rome Scholarship, Italy

## **Education**

- 1983 M.A. Chelsea School of Art, London
- 1982 B.A. St Martin's School of Art, London
- 1979 Winchester School of Art

## **Selected Exhibitions since 2000**

- 2005 - 2018 *Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, London*
- 2018 *Where Art Meets Craft*, Petronilla Silver at 8 Holland Street  
*The Court of Redonda* at Heong Gallery, Downing College, Cambridge University
- 2017 *The Court of Redonda* at Ca'Dandolo, Venice, accredited exhibition of 57<sup>th</sup> Venice Biennale  
*RA250 at the Fitz*, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge  
*Beneath the Golden Tree* Petronilla Silver at Tremenheere Gallery, Penzance
- 2016 Northern Print, Newcastle

- 2015      Rose and Gray Fine Art, Hale, Cheshire  
            Raven Art Society  
            Museum of Contemporary Art, Californin
- 2014      *The Big Country and Other Stories* Pera Museum, Istanbul
- 2012      The Big Country, Artist's Laboratory 06, The Royal  
            Academy of Arts
- 2013      *Black Mirror* Galerie 10, Milan
- 2010      *Forty Years On* Flowers East Gallery, London  
            *Personal Agenda* Flowers, New York  
            *Memory's Images* Eagle Gallery, London
- 2009      *A Language for the Eye* The Wills Lane Gallery, St Ives,  
            Cornwall  
            *The London Art Fair*, London  
            *Cork Street Open* Flowers Central Gallery, London  
            *Stephen Chambers* Artco Gallery, Leeds
- 2008      *Stephen Chambers*, Flowers East Gallery, London  
            *Stephen Chambers Prints*, Northumbria University, UK  
            *Summer Selection*, New York  
            *Stephen Chambers*, Jesus Chapel, Cambridge  
            *Street Open*, Flowers Central, London  
            *Prints* The Friends Room, The Royal Academy of Arts,  
            London
- 2007      *Art Miami 07 and Palm Beach Contemporary Art Fair*,  
            Miami, USA  
            *Print Basel 2007*, Basel Art Fair, Switzerland
- 2007-17    Exhibited by Petronilla Silver at Wills Lane Gallery, St Ives  
            and at Cape Cornwall, Cornwall
- 2006      *The Gates (of Paradise)*, Flowers Central Gallery, London  
            *Stephen Chambers at the Eagle Gallery*, Group Exhibition,  
            London  
            *One of a Kind*, Byard Art Gallery, Cambridge

- 2005 Galerie Frank Pages Baden, Baden, Germany  
*35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition*, Flowers East Gallery, London  
*Small is Beautiful*, Flowers Central Gallery, London  
*Martyrdom of St Ursula*, Venice Project, Flowers Graphics, London
- 2003 *The Contents of the Table*, Flowers East Gallery, London  
*A Hard Line in the Soft Ground*, Flowers Graphics, London  
*Relative Values*, PM Gallery and House, London
- 2002 Frissiras Museum of Contemporary European Painting, Athens
- 2001 *New Work*, Galerie Kemper, Munich, Germany
- 2000 *Dangerously Happy* Flowers East Gallery, Santa Monica, California  
*New Prints and Monoprints*, Flowers Graphics, London  
*Recent Paintings and Monoprints*, Deutsche Bank, London  
Galerie Kemper, Munich, Germany  
*The Continuing Significance of Worry Beads* Flowers East Gallery, London

## Danceworks

Dances initiated and based on paintings by Stephen Chambers.  
Performed by the Royal Ballet, Choreography Ashley Page, Composer Orlando Gough.

- 1996 *Sleeping with Audrey* Royal Ballet UK Tour
- 1997 *Room of Cooks*, Sadler's Wells Theatre, London and tour
- 2001 *This House will Burn* Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London

## Public Collections

- Arthur Andersen, London
- Arts Council of Great Britain
- BZW, London
- Bibliothèque Nationale de Grenoble

Bibliotheque Municipale de St Paul Trois Chateaux  
Bibliotheque Portes-les-Valance, France  
Birmingham City Libraries  
British Land  
Chelsea School of Art, London  
Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London  
Christ's College, Cambridge  
Clifford Chance, London  
Denton Hall, London  
Deutsche Bank, London  
Downing College, Cambridge  
Emmanuel College, Cambridge  
Ernst & Young, London  
Fidelity  
Frissiras Museum of Contemporary European Painting, Athens  
Government Art Collection, London  
Isle of Man Arts Council  
Lafayette College, Pennsylvania  
Lloyds TSB Group plc, London  
Lovell White Durrant, London  
Manchester University  
Meermano Museum, The Hague Netherlands  
Mediatheque de Roanne, France  
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York  
National Westminster Bank, London  
Portsmouth University  
Procter & Gamble, Surrey  
St John's College, Cambridge  
Unilever plc, London  
Vamp & Tramp, Atlanta  
Victoria & Albert Museum, London  
Westdeutsche Landesbank, London