



Bristol Contemporary Open 2008

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A Visual Arts Exhibition at Paintworks / Bristol

Bristol Contemporary Open is an artist-led initiative and annual exhibition, showcasing emerging contemporary artists from the Bristol and South West region. The exhibition has been organised and curated by practicing artists to promote the work of some of the region's foremost emerging artists. The aim is to 'fill the gap' not addressed by our white cube artspaces and modern galleries by presenting new artists to new audiences, and introducing local communities to the latest ideas in the visual arts.

BCO presents 24 of the region's brightest rising stars. In contrast to conventional exhibitions, the artists will be showing their own selections of their newest work, presenting both their latest ideas and techniques, emanating from their studios and workshops. The exhibition features a range of painting, drawing, sculpture, print and photography. This innovative show was originally conceived in 2007 after the successful 'Revelation' exhibition at Paintworks.

The exhibition reflects the current interests of contemporary artists working in the region, with artworks that explore themes of relationship, environment, threat and fantasy.



Selection Panel

The Bristol Contemporary Open was delighted to have the following people on this year's selection panel

John Huggins

Vice President, Royal West of England Academy

Phillippa Haynes

Head of Arts & Culture, Bristol City Council

Alicia Miller

Bristol Visual Arts Consortium and South West Arts Marketing

Gill Nicol

Spike Island Printmakers

Katharine Cockshaw

The Fine Art Print Company

And show organisers

Chuck Elliott

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Deborah Harrison

Silver Leaf

Chris Trow

They selected 21 artists for the Bristol Contemporary Open 2008, to show along with three artist / organisers Chuck Elliott, Johnny de Mearns and John Packer.



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Private View and Reception
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6pm to 10pm

Paintworks, Bath Road, Bristol BS4 3EH

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From 11am to 7pm daily

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The Venue / Paintworks

Paintworks is the new 'creative quarter' for Bristol combining a contemporary gallery, cafe and restaurant, offices and studios for creative enterprise, plus live/work facilities for artists and makers.

This innovative regeneration project has redeveloped the former Victorian paint factory and Art Deco offices into much needed modern facilities for the creative sector. It hosts a remarkable cluster of artists and creative enterprises, plus a strong arts exhibitions and events programme.

<http://www.paintworksbristol.co.uk>





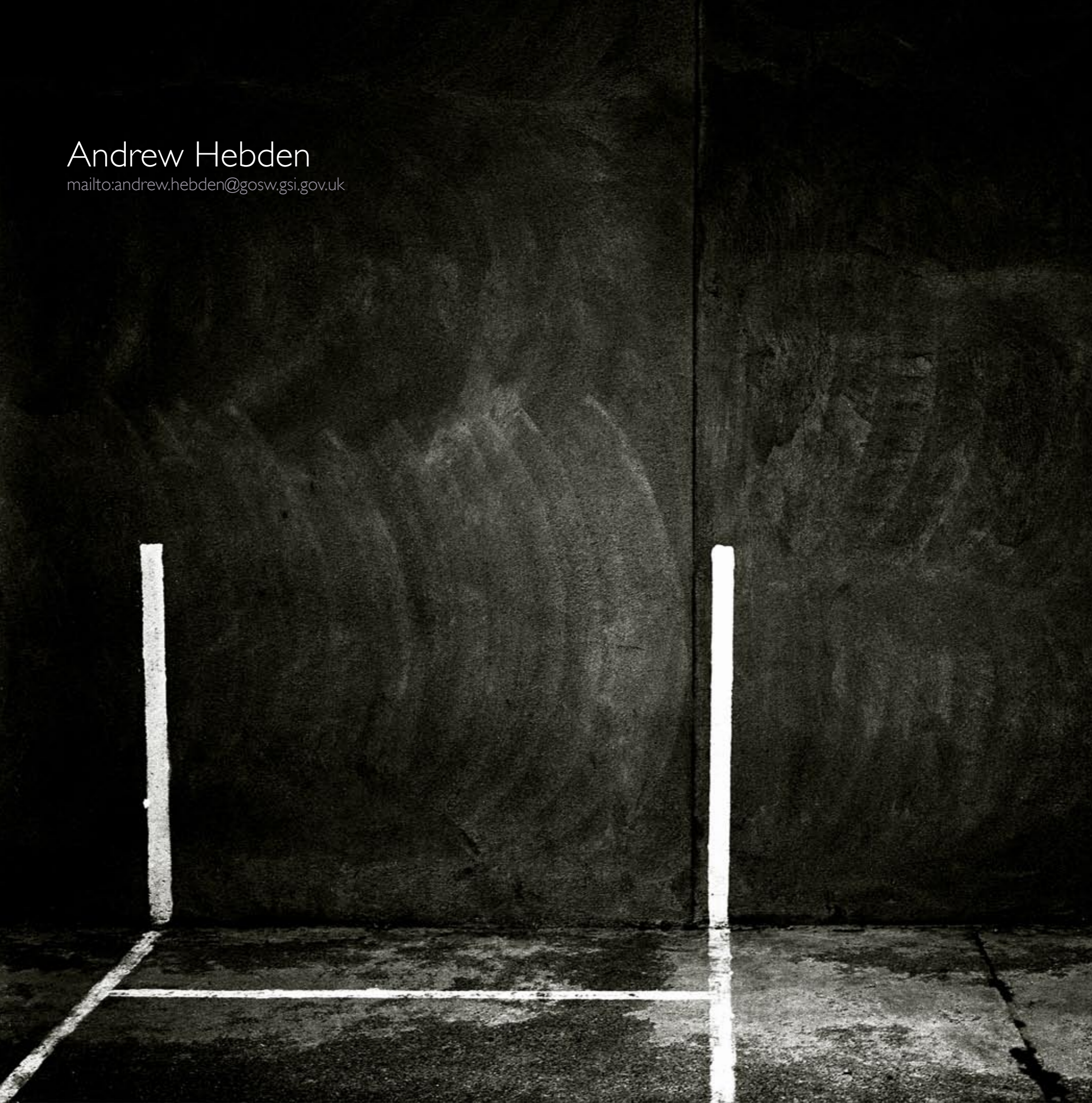
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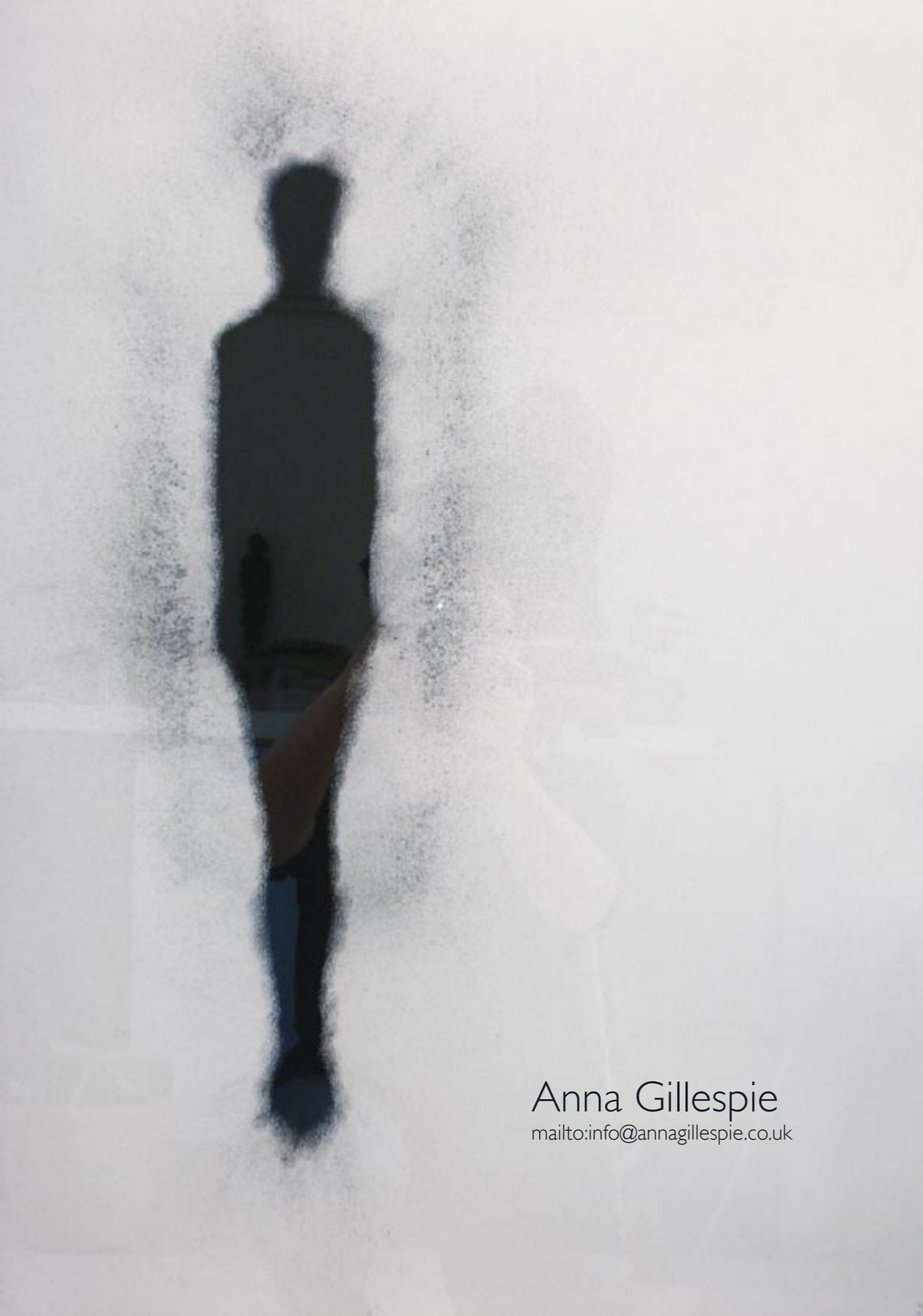
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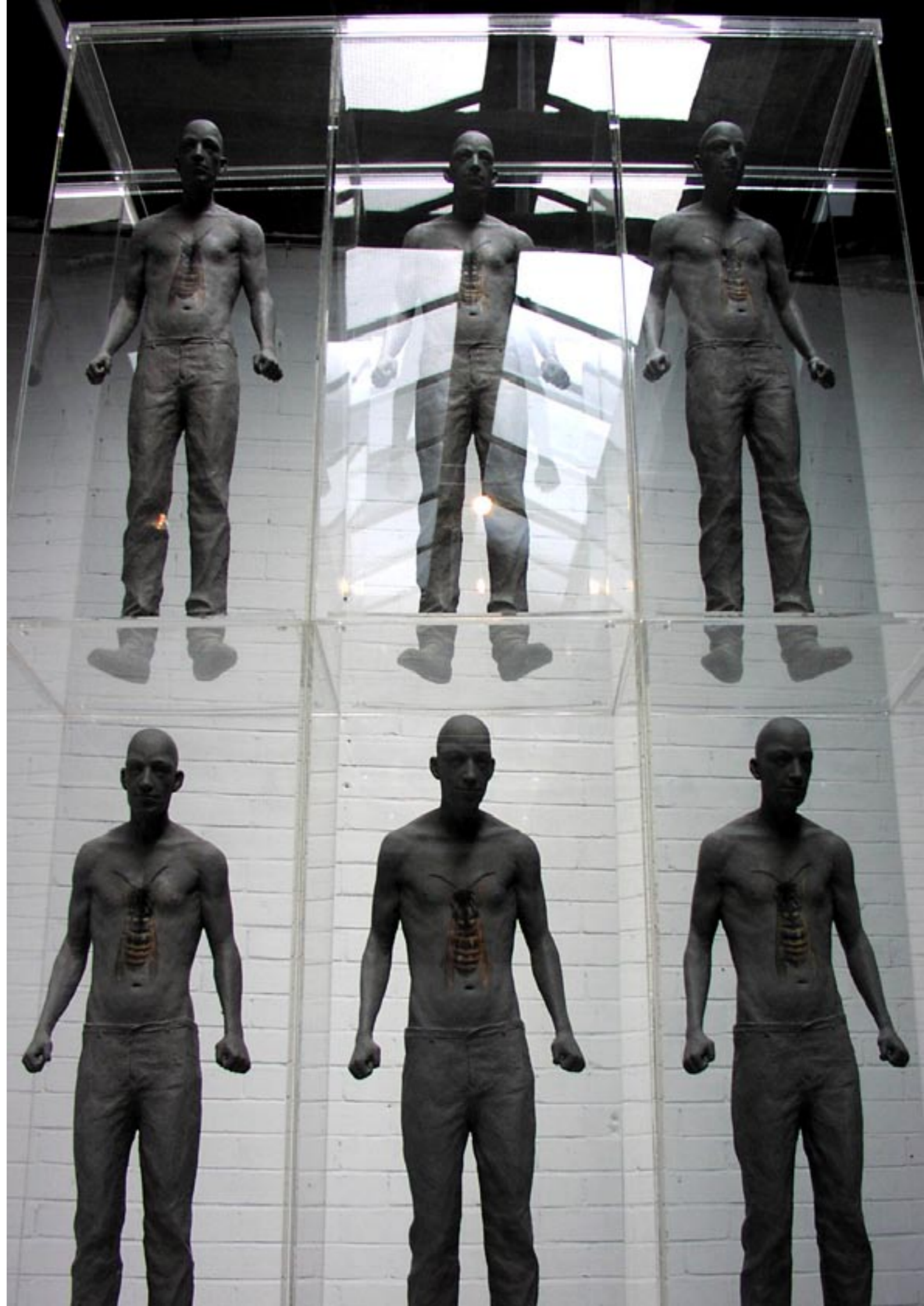
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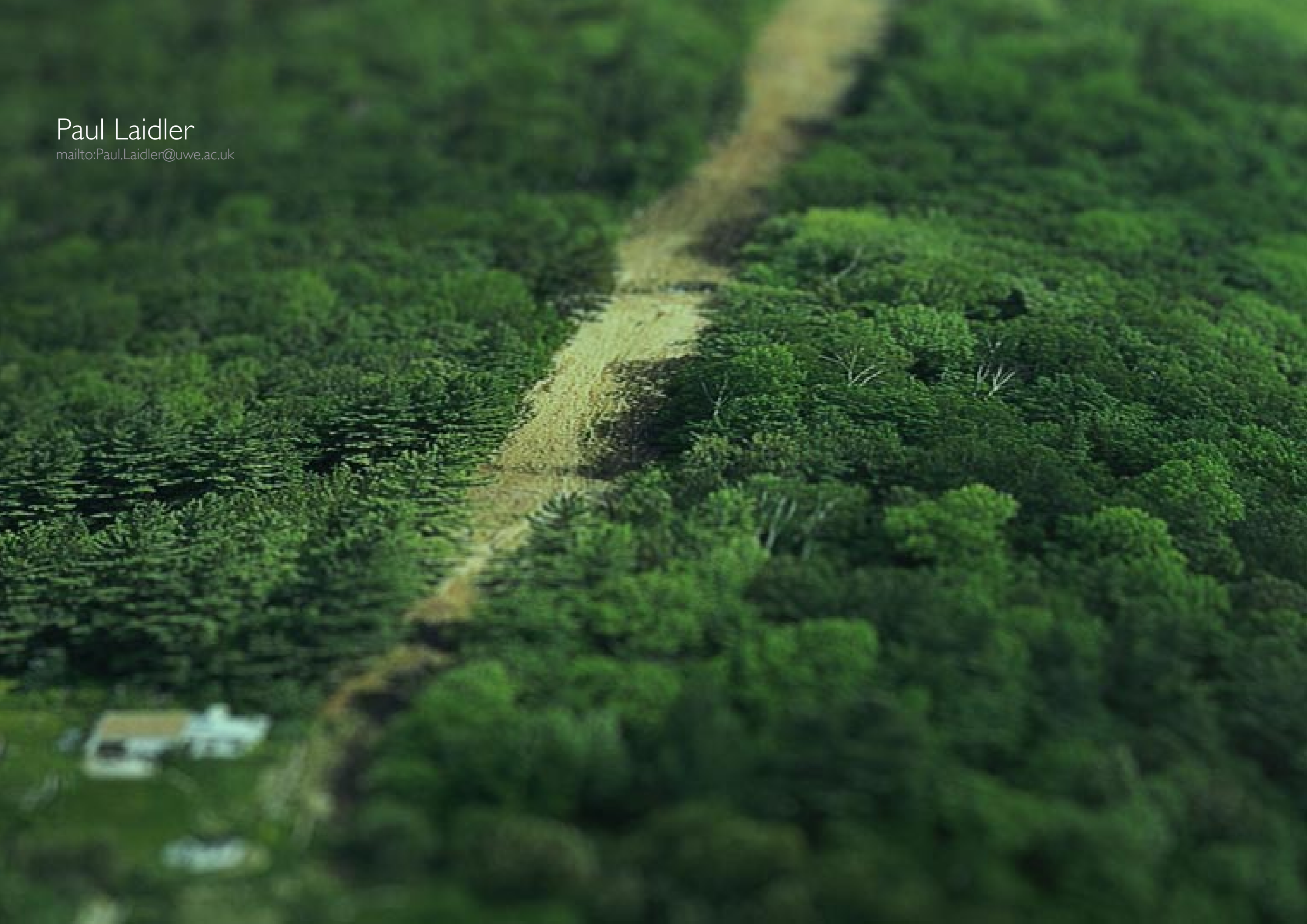
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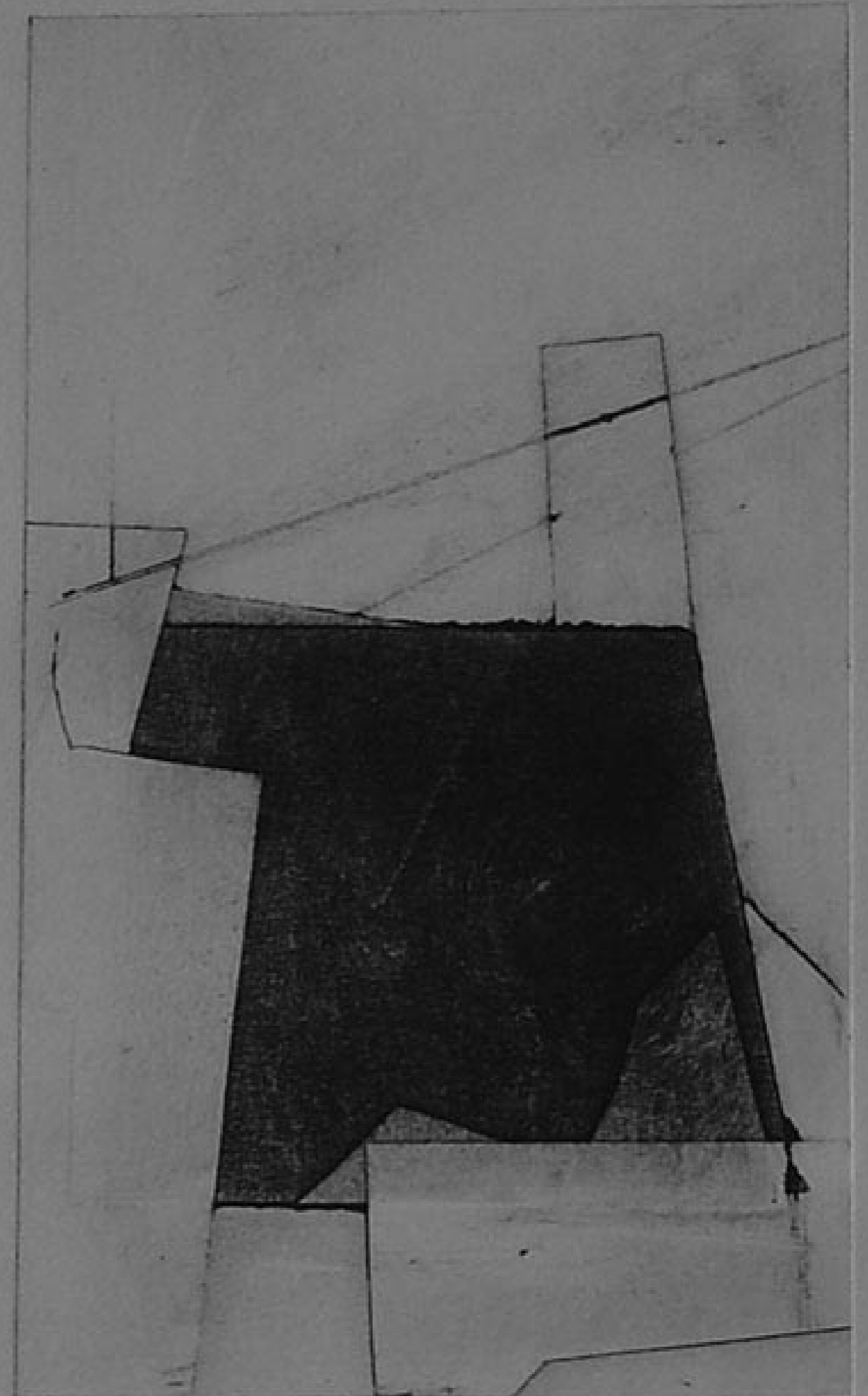
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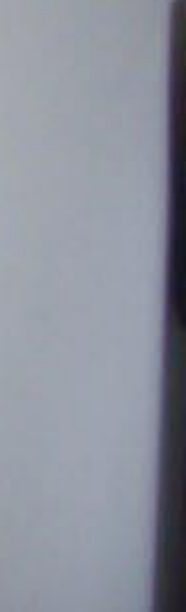
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