

Mission Gallery

MEDIA RELEASE

Alex Duncan

Surge

10 Sept – 30 Oct 2011

Private View: 7pm Friday 9th September | to be opened by Owen Griffiths

Mission Gallery is pleased to present the first solo exhibition *Surge* by Swansea based artist **Alex Duncan**.

In the present environment of instability and collapse of social norms, Alex Duncan's work focuses on where we are, where we come from and where we might be going; a topical issue in today's media.

Mission Gallery is transformed in to a space that ensures the viewer questions the world around them, topical issues of nature Vs man and their assumptions of reality. Site specific installation work explores the absurdities that can occur in nature and how the human race inhabits it. In the piece entitled *Cove*, Duncan presents hundreds of found foam pebbles. Formed from plastic waste and washed up along the rocky coastlines, these pollutant pebbles are symbolic objects of their time and are offered up for contemplation in the Apse of Mission Gallery, the former seaman's mission.

Duncan's work is underpinned by the activity of collecting and presenting. Through this technique it allows for comment that each piece seems to have been discovered instead of planned. Recognising that man's relationship to nature is somewhat abstract in today's society Duncan presents nature in its abstract form. His conceptual approach and his examination of spatial situation as well as environmental and social systems are distinguished by lightness, subtlety, intellectual precision and meticulous execution. His work has a hyper-realistic quality, leaving the viewer to question what is real and what has been constructed.

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Alex Duncan is based in Swansea. He graduated from Swansea Metropolitan University in 2007. Past shows have included *Ground* at both Wrexham and Oriel Lliw, curated by Tim Davies and site specific work for Locws in 2011. He spends as much time in the landscape as in his studio, choosing a poetic gesture of humour or focusing on detail to address a concern and connection between the world and the environment.

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