

Personal Details

Mr Martin Harrison-Priestman

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My Work

I am a figurative artist, I work both from my imagination and from life study. Drawing has always been at the centre of my work, it is the foundation stone on which everything else is built on. My earlier imagery was drawn from the subconscious and was influenced by reveries, nocturnal dreams and expressionism. My hope is to try and capture an elusive prey, that of the human presence.

Experience

Full time Painting Lecturer / Instructor – September 2019 - Present

Özyeğin University.

Istanbul, Turkey.

Visiting Painting lecturer at Soho House, Istanbul – March 2015 -2017.

Visiting Painting Lecturer / Instructor – September 2014 - 2019

Özyeğin University.

Istanbul, Turkey.

Berlitz English language Teacher – December 2011 – 2012

Istanbul, Turkey.

Self Employed Fine Artist - September 1984 – Present

harrisonpriestman.com and priestmanfineart.com

Oil painting, life drawing, fine art printing (etching, silk screening, lithography), sculpture, portraiture, commissions, watercolour painting, pastels, perspex work, woodwork, exhibition installation, picture hanging, design and promotion, private art lessons and teaching.

Freelance Graphic Designer and illustrator - September 1983 – Present

Graphic design, illustration, 3-Dimensional design, animation, photography, printing (etching, silk screening, lithography), typography, web design, album design, photoshop experience, fashion design, exhibition installation, design, promotion, private art and design lessons / teaching.

Freelance Graphic Designer and illustrator September 1997- 2012

FAB
48-50 St. John Street
London EC1M 4DG

Model/ Actor - September 1979 – Present

Extra for music videos (Robert Palmer, Yip Yip Coyote, The Tube) model for magazines (The Face, Heat, NME) model for 'The Muse'- 'Black Holes & Revelations' album cover.

Exhibition Consultant - Installation/Designer/Hanger/Catering

The Mall Galleries – Christmas Market Show 1989
Hung the whole show of 220 paintings with portrait artist Michael Reynolds. Deciding on picture height, colour of walls, graphic placement etc.
Who's The Man Exhibition – 2010 Main picture hanging consultant to show.

Picture Framer – 1984 – Present

Worked as a freelance picture framer (gilding frames, applying gesso, bole, shellac)

Furniture Designer and Maker – 1984 – Present

Using predominantly English green oak as my material. Hand carved to my own designs specifications.

Overseas Work Experience – 1993 - Present

Currently living and working as an artist/lecturer in Istanbul, Turkey.
Lived and work as an artist in Tokyo, Japan 1993 – 1995
Lived and worked as an artist in Berlin, Germany – April 2003 – April 2005 (sponsored by Fab Design Agency) Focussed on the German artist Max Beckmann and Picasso as my inspiration for a collection of my own expressionistic paintings and drawings for FAB interior offices. Location shoot in Spain as a model for front cover of 'Muse' album.

Exhibitions

Camberwell Art Gallery-1986
Summer show of South London Artists
Camberwell
London SE1

Group Show

Café by the Pool Gallery- 1987

Southwark Park,
London SE1
The Mall Galleries-1989
Christmas Market
The Mall
London W1
Tel: +44 (0) 20 7930 6844
<http://www.mallgalleries.org.uk>

The Mall Galleries – 1990
The Discerning Eye Exhibition
Specially selected artist for the exhibition by the Evening Standard Art
critic Brian Sewell Address details as above

The Young Unknowns Gallery-1990
The Cut
London SE1

Collyer Bristow Art Gallery- 1991
4 Bedford Row
London WC1

Candid Art Gallery-1992
Old Street
London EC1

The Back Door Gallery-2005
One man show
North Cross Road
East Dulwich
London SE22

Freuds Gallery-2006
One man show
198 Shaftesbury Avenue
London WC2 8LJ

Beşiktaş Panting 2015
Istanbul

Istanbul Contemporary Art Fair 2017
Exhibitor for Caran d'dache
Istanbul
Turkey

Istanbul Contemporary Art Fair 2017
Workshop demonstration for Caran d'dache
Istanbul
Turkey

Project Space Gallery 2018
Drawn to London Show
Bermondsey
London SE1 3UW

Four Season Hotel 2019
Group Show 1
Istanbul
Turkey

Charity Auction for TOÇEV
Four Seasons Hotel
23rd December 2019
Istanbul
Turkey

Project Space Gallery 2019
British Painting II
Bermondsey
London SE1 3UW

Four Season Hotel 2020
Group Show 2
Istanbul
Turkey

Four Season Hotel 2020
Group Show 3
Istanbul

Four Season Hotel 2020
Group Show 4
Istanbul

Four Season Hotel 2020
Group Show 5
Istanbul

ART Sauna 2020-21 Exhibition
ART. IST SAUNA, ART MARKET
PLACE, DE, UNIQ EXPO
ISTANBUL,
MASLAK

Four Season Hotel 2021
Group Show 6
Istanbul

Education

Royal College of Art
September 1984 – December 1984
Moved from M.A Hons Degree Graphic Design course to Fine Art
Life Drawing Studies
September 1984 - July 1985
Awarded Post Office Bursary/scholarship by Royal College of Art

Goldsmiths University College London
September 1983 – July 1984
Life Drawing Studies
New Cross, London SE14 6NW

London College of Printing I.L.E.A
September 1980 - June 1983
Graphic Art and Design
BA Hons Degree

London College of Printing I.L.E.A
September 1979 - June 1980
Foundation Course in Art and Design
Foundation Course Certificate

Goldsmiths University College London
June 1976 - June 1979
Life Drawing Studies
New Cross, London SE14 6NW

Samuel Pepys Secondary School - I.L.E.A
September 1976 - June 1979

Interests

Art, design, classical music, opera, cinema, museums, fashion, architecture, furniture design, sculpture, gardening, cooking, socialising, tennis, formula 1, theatre, photography, carpentry, world culture, history, table tennis, vintage clothes, philosophy, religions, cycling, walking, member of the Eccentric club.

Testimonial

'Mr Priestman attended my classes in drawing when he was a student at the Royal College of Art. He studied very assiduously, showing not only natural talent, but a keen understanding. I have seen him and his work more recently and have been impressed with the way in which he has developed his powers of personal and original expression in his work. He is a young artist who would make the best and most intelligent use of any support or sponsorship that might be suggested for him. He has the knowledge, and grasp of his art to make a valuable contribution in a teaching role, and has the personality to put his ideas across to students with conviction and sympathy. I strongly recommend him.'

Colin Hayes R.A (1919-2003)
Hon. Fellow and former Reader Royal College of Art

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To whom it may concern

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References

Referee

Mrs Jude Simmons –

Head of Exhibition Design and Graphic Design
National Portrait Gallery
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Referee

Mr Mark Baylis -

Designer and owner of FAB Design practise
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London EC1M 4DG
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Referee

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Germany
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