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ROBERT MONTGOMERY

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### BIOGRAPHY

Born in 1972, Robert Montgomery lives and works in London. He follows a tradition of conceptual art and stands out by bringing a poetic voice to the discourse of text art. Robert Montgomery creates billboard poems, light pieces, fire poems, woodcuts and watercolors.

He was the British artist selected for Kochi-Muziris Biennale in 2012 and the Yinchuan Biennale in 2016. Montgomery has had solo exhibitions in Europe, the US and Asia, including major installation works at the site of the old Tempelhof Airport in Berlin and a solo exhibition at the Cer Modern Museum in Ankara in 2015.

In 2016 he presented new outdoor works at the Anglet Biennale in France, The Crystal Ship Festival in Belgium, the NuArt Festival in Norway, and Cardiff Contemporary in Wales. He was recently featured in the BBC4 documentary "Who's Afraid of Conceptual Art". In November 2016 he was announced as a shortlisted artist for the National Holocaust Memorial in London.

*«To encounter the work of Robert Montgomery is to make a tender encounter whose tenderness is enhanced by the public, communal quality of his work. To encounter his work is to have your body filled with a sad thunder and your head filled with a sad light. He is a complete artist and works in language, light, paper, space. He engages completely with the urban world with a translucent poetry. His work arrives at us through a kind of lucid social violence. No one has blended language, form and light in such a direct way.»*

Dane Weatherman, Black & Blue Journal.

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### SOLO SHOWS

2016

*Year of the Corrupted Eclipse*, Mannerheim Gallery, Paris

*Light as Poetry*, Madison Gallery, La Jolla, California

*London/Paris : Love Letters*, Alex Eagle Studio, London

2015

*Chapter 6 : In which we sit like docile cattle while you use the aesthetics of punk rock to sell credit cards back to us*, Galerie Nuke, Paris

*People You Love*, Installation at the Southbank Centre, London

*The Stars Pulled Down Fo Real*, Public project for All Rise, Seattle

*Robert Montgomery*, Istanbul74, Istanbul

*I was dancing when I was 8...*, Galerie Analix Forever, Geneva

2014

*All Kingdoms smashed and burried in the Sky*, The Office Gallery, Nicosia, Italy

*You walk on the bones of the Kings now*, Anna Jill Lupertz Gallery, Berlin

*3 Poems about Buildings and Trees*, Nuit Blanche, Brussels

*L.A Billboard Poems*, curated by Do Art Foundation and Art Share, L.A

*Louvre Fire Poem*, Jardin des Tuileries, Paris

*Istanbul Fire Poem*, IST Festival, Istanbul

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*Piles of dirt and glass you walk upon*, Galerie Colette, Paris

*Fields of Vision*, Grand Départ Tour de France, Yorkshire Festival, England

2013

*Robert Montgomery*, C24 Gallery, N.Y.C

*Edinburgh Fire Poem*, Commission for the Edinburgh Art Festival, The Mound, Edinburgh, Scotland

*City is Wilder*, Installation at Kater Holzig, Anna Jil Lüpertz Gallery, Berlin

*Echoes of Voices in the High Towers*, Galerie Nuke, Paris

*Tokyo Billboards*, Each X Other Projects, Tokyo

2012

*Robert Montgomery : Echoes of voices in the High Towers, part 2*, Neue Berliner Räume, Stattbad Wedding and billboard sites, Berlin

*Robert Montgomery : Echoes of voices in the High Towers, part 1*, NeueBerliner Räume, Tempelhof Airport and billboard sites, Berlin

*Whenever an angel*, Galerie Analix - Forever, Geneva

*t turned out this way cos you dreamed it this way*, KK Outlet and billboard sites, London

2011

*And like this you keep them alive / On love*, Neue Berliner Räume, Berlin

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*All Palaces are temporary Palaces, Courtyard of the Palais de Tokyo, Paris*

*The Streets Belong to No One, Casa dell Arte project collateral to the 12th Istanbul Biennale, Istanbul*

*Royal Wedding Poems, Billboard series, London*

2010

*The People You Love Become Ghosts Inside of You, Scope Foundation project with Galerie Analix - Forever, Scope Art Basel, Basel*

*The People You Love Become Ghosts inside of You, The De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill, England*

2009

*Emotional Emergency, Galerie Analix - Forever, Geneva*

*Words in the City at Night, Billboard series, London*

2008

*Derniers Jours : May 68/May 08, Galerie Nuke, Paris*

2006

*Fire of Each Other, Galerie Nuke, Paris*

*Words in the City at Night, The Margaret Thatcher Project, N.Y.C*

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## SOLO SHOWS

2005

*Words in the City at Night*, London

## GROUP SHOWS

2016

*Oh La La Land*, curated by Ruiz Stephinson, Mannerheim Gallery, Paris

2015

*Bodies Burning at the Edges : Thomas Beal, Robert Montgomery, Jacolby Satterwhite, Kiki Smith*, LeRoy Neiman Gallery, N.Y.C

*Sunday in the Park with Ed*, Display Gallery, London

2014

*Ian Hamilton Finlay, Robert Montgomery, Lawrence Wiener*, Anna Jil Lüpertz Gallery, Berlin

*Still Future*, The Art complex, Edinburgh, Scotland

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## GROUP SHOWS

2013

*Affordable Care*, Manya Wynwood, Miami

*Quand l'Art prend la Ville*, Defacto, Paris

*In Dreams*, Cob Gallery, London

*Sculpture al Fresco III*, Great Fosters, England

2012

*The Kochi-Muziris Biennale*, Fort Kochi, India

*Closer*, Spinello Projects, Miami

*Le Printemps de Septembre à Toulouse*, curated by Paul Ardenne, Toulouse, France

*From the Age of the Poets : Cy Twombly, Ian Hamilton Finlay, Robert Montgomery ...*,  
Aanat & Zoo, Berlin

*Preposterous*, La Scatola, London

*Sublime- Kursiv : James Lee Byars, Christian Boltanski, Douglas Gordon,  
Robert Montgomery ...*, Anna Jil Lüpertz Gallery at Epicentro Art, Berlin

*Noir Clair*, curated by Barbara Polla and Victor de Bonnecaze,  
Galerie Vanessa Quang, Paris

*Wealth*, Mass, London

*Oneliners*, KOP, Breda, Netherlands

*A Gathering*, curated by Maria-Thalia Carras & Olga Hatzidaki, Athens Festival

*Art St Barth*, Valentine de Badereau Gallery, St Barths

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2011

*Orientale*, curated by Maurizio Botolotti and Shwetal Patel, collateral to the Venice Biennale, Chiesa delle Zitelle, Venice, Italy

*Génération Polluée : Davide Bertocchi, Cyprien Gaillard, Camille Henrot, Marc Horowitz, Robert Montgomery, Douglas White, Galerie Nuke, Paris*

2010

*Trees*, Galerie Analix-Forever, Geneva

*I won't give up*, with Fabio Paleari, Resistance Inc and Guido Costa Projects at Coningsby Gallery, London

*Cars & Bikes*, Galerie Analix-Forever, Geneva

*Don't Jump : Mary Heilman, Robert Montgomery, Julie Ryan, Lawrence Weiner, Bigger Better Space, Vienna*

2009

*Utopia/Dystopia*, Art Paris Program, Grand Palais, Paris

*Learning by Doing : 25 Years of Artists in Residence at the MFAH, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas*

2008

*I Won't Give Up*, collaboration with Fabio Paleari, Guido Costa Projects, Turin, Italy



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2007

*Strategic Art Gets*, curated by Neil Mulholland, The Embassy, Edinburgh, Scotland  
*Dazed and Confused vs. Andy Warhol*, The Baltic, Newcastle-Gateshead, England

2005

*God is bored of Us*, Fast Moving Consumer Goods, London