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HEW LOCKE RA CV

Born 1959, Edinburgh, UK
Lives and works in London, UK

Education

1994
MA Sculpture, Royal College of Art, London, UK

1988
BA (Hons) Fine Art, Falmouth University, UK

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025
Hew Locke: Passages, Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, CT, USA
Hew Locke: Gilt, Compton Verney, Warwick, UK
Hew Locke: Armada, Newlyn Art Gallery, Newlyn, UK

2024
Hew Locke: what have we here?, British Museum, London, UK
Family Album, Hales, London, UK
The Procession, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, Boston, MA, USA

2023
The Ambassadors, The Lowry, Salford, UK
Listening to the Land, PPOW, New York, NY, USA
The Procession, Baltic Contemporary Art, Gateshead, UK

2022
Gilt, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, USA
Foreign Exchange, Victoria Square, Birmingham, UK
The Procession, Tate Britain, London, UK
Hew Locke: The Ghostly Tourists, Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA, USA

2020
Here's the Thing, Colby College Museum of Art, Maine, ME, USA
Mindful Vandalism, Hales Gallery and P.P.O.W, (virtual exhibition)

2019
Where Lies the Land?, Hales Gallery, London, UK
Here's the Thing, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, UK; Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO, USA

2017-18
Reversal of Fortune, Fringe Projects Miami, The Alfred I. duPont Building, Miami, FL, USA
For Those in Peril on the Sea, Perez Art Museum Miami, Miami, FL, USA
Cui Bono, installation in Bremen Rathouse, originally commissioned in conjunction with Der Blinde Fleck by Kunsthalle Bremen, Bremen, Germany

2016
The Wine Dark Sea, Edward Tyler Nahem Fine Art, New York, NY, USA

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2015

IWM Contemporary: Hew Locke, IWM London, UK
The Tourists, HMS Belfast, London, UK
Magna Carta Commission, Runnymede Surrey, UK

2014

Beyond the Sea Wall, Hales Gallery, London, UK
Give and Take, performance in the Turbine Hall as part of Up Hill Down Hall, Tate Modern, London, UK

2013

For Those in Peril on the Sea, installation at launch of Pérez Art Museum Miami, USA
Adrift, All Hallows by the Tower Church, Thames Festival, London, UK

2012

Day of the Dead Festival, a new installation titled 'Adrift' created for the Old Vic Tunnels, London, UK

2011

For Those in Peril on the Sea, St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Church, Folkestone Triennial, UK
The Nameless, KAdE Kunsthal, Amersfoort, The Netherlands
Are We There Yet?, The Gallery, the Arts University College at Bournemouth, UK
Starchitect, ArtSway, Hampshire & as part of The New Forest Pavillion, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

2010

The Nameless, Hales Gallery, London, UK

2008

The Kingdom of the Blind, Rivington Palace, London, UK
How do you want me?, Hales Gallery, London, UK

2006

Restoration, commission for Spike Island exhibited at St Thomas the Martyr's Church, Bristol, UK

2005

Hew Locke, New Art Gallery Walsall, UK (with accompanying monograph)
Natives and Colonials, Hales Gallery, London, UK

2004

King Creole, installation on façade of Tate Britain, UK
House of Cards, Luckman Complex, LA, USA
House of Cards, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, GA, USA

2003

The Centre for Drawing, Wimbledon School of Art, UK

2002

Souvenir, The Horniman Museum, London, UK
The Cardboard Palace, Chisenhale Gallery, London, UK

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2000

Hemmed In Two, Installation/Sculpture V&A Museum, London, UK

1999

Hemmed In, Millais Gallery, Southampton, UK

1995- 1996

Ark, De La Warr Pavillion, Bexhill on Sea; Gardner Art Centre, Brighton; Oldham Art Gallery and Museum, UK

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025

Land, Sea, Sugar, Salt: Terrestrial and Aquatic Contemplations of the Caribbean, Remail Modern, Saskatoon, SK, Canada

Common Ground, The Wilson Art Gallery and Museum, Cheltenham, UK

Rooting: Ecology, Extraction & Environmental Emergencies in the University's Art Collection, University of Edinburgh Art Collection, UK

2024

Spirit in the Land, Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, Jacksonville, FL, USA

Sculpting Royalty: Hew Locke and Mary Thornycroft, Henry Moore Institute, Leeds, UK

Hurricane Season, Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, IA, USA

Come Closer, Middelheim Museum & DE SINGEL International Arts Center, Antwerp, Belgium

Narrative Obsession in the Post-Colonial Psyche, The 8th Floor Gallery, New York, NY, USA

Stories of the Sea, Currier Museum, Manchester, NH, USA

Surrealism and Us: Caribbean and African Diasporic Artists since 1940, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX, USA

These Mad Hybrids: John Hoyland and Contemporary Sculpture, Bristol, UK

Entangled Pasts, 1768–now, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK

2023

Someone is getting rich, Tropenmuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Spirit in the Land, The Nasher Museum, Durham, NC, USA

2022

Art & Science Fiction: A Gateway to Possible Worlds, Centre Pompidou-Metz, Metz, France

In the Black Fantastic, Kunsthal Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Tiny Traces: Black and Asian Children at London's Foundling Hospital, Foundling Museum, London, UK

In the Black Fantastic, Hayward Gallery, London, UK

A State of Matter: Modern and Contemporary Glass Sculpture, The Henry Moore Institute, Leeds, UK

2021

Life Between Islands: Caribbean-British Art 1950s, Tate, London, UK

Bold, Black, British, Christie's, London, UK

The Slipstream: Reflection, Resilience, and Resistance in the Art of Our Time, Brooklyn Museum, NY, USA

Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London, UK

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A Fine Day for Seeing, Southwark Park Galleries, London, UK

2020

DISPLACED: Contemporary Artists Confront the Global Refugee Crisis, SITE Santa Fe, NM, USA

20/20 Vision: The Collection Remixed, Kunsthalle Bremen, Germany

Life During Wartime: Art in the Age of Coronavirus, The University of South Florida

Contemporary Art Museum, (virtual exhibition)

20:20 Twenty Years of Collecting Contemporary Art, The New Art Gallery, Walsall, UK

2019

Pushing paper: contemporary drawing from 1970 to now, British Museum, London UK

Refuge, 21c Bentonville, AR, USA

2018

The Everyday and the Extraordinary, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Birmingham, UK; Towner Art Gallery, Eastbourne, UK

Refuge, 21c Kansas City, MO, USA

EN MAS': Carnival and Performance Art of the Caribbean, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, TX, USA

2017

The Blind Spot, KunstHalle Bremen, Germany

A Global Table, Frans Hals Museum, Haarlem, The Netherlands

Diaspora Pavilion, Palazzo Pisani a Santa Marina, 57th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

Public View, Bluecoat, Liverpool, UK

EN MAS': Carnival and Performance Art of the Caribbean, DuSable Museum of African American History, Chicago, IL; Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA, USA

2016

Un | Fixed Homeland, Aljira, a Center for Contemporary Art, New Jersey, NJ, USA

The Hangzhou Triennial of Fiber Art, Zhejiang Art Museum, China National Silk

Museum and Museum of Contemporary Art of CAA, Hangzhou, China

Routes of Influence: Ornament and Empire, Pérez Art Museum, Miami, FL, USA

A Hole in the Sea, Württembergischer Kunstverein Stuttgart, Germany

Structures of Recollection, Pearl Lam Galleries, Hong Kong

EN MAS': Carnival and Performance Art of the Caribbean, The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands; The National Gallery of the Bahamas

2015-2016

When Artists Speak the Truth, The 8th Floor, New York, USA

Affinity Atlas, The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, New York, NY, USA

Artist and Empire, Tate Britain, London, UK

2015

EN MAS': Carnival and Performance Art of the Caribbean, Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA, USA

Colonial Afterlives, Salamanca Arts Centre, Tasmania, Australia

2014

Kochi-Muziris Biennale, Kochi, India

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Prospect 3. New Orleans Biennial of Contemporary Art, New Orleans, LA, USA
Up Hill Down Hall – An indoor Carnival, the Tate Modern, London, UK
White Light / White Heat, The Wallace Collection, London, UK
Sculptural Forms, Manchester Art Gallery, Manchester, UK

2013

The Shadows took Shape, Studio Museum Harlem, New York, USA
Artists Make Faces, Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Plymouth, UK
Characters: Portraits and People from the Arts Council Collection, Holburne Museum, Bath, UK
Glasstress, White Light / White Heat, Palazzo Cavalli Franchetti, Venice & Berengo
Centre for Contemporary Art and Glass, Murano
Ordinary/Extra/Ordinary, The Public, West Bromwich, West Midlands, UK
Vitalic, Hales Gallery, London, UK

2012

Affinity Atlas, Wellin Museum of Art, Clinton, NY, USA
Caribbean: Crossroads of the World, El Museo del Barrio, New York, USA
The Queen: Art and Image, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
London Twelve, The Bell House, Prague, Czech Republic
Happy Islands, part of Prome Encuentro Bienal Arte Contemporaneo di Caribe, Aruba, West Indies
Fourth Plinth: Contemporary Monument, Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA), London, UK

2011

Preferred Stock, as part of Intercourse, a day-long event at the ICA, London, UK
Folkestone Triennial 2011, UK

2010-11

Global Caribbean, Little Haiti Cultural Center, Miami, USA; MIAM, Sète, France & Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Puerto Rico

2010

Sikandar, The Fourth Plinth Commission, Trafalgar Square, London, UK
Holy Toy, Sølvsberget Galleri, Stavanger, Norway
Global Caribbean, MIAM, Sète, France
Behind the Mask, The New Art Gallery Walsall, UK
Adaptation, The Power Plant, Toronto, Canada

2009

The Thessaloniki Biennale of Contemporary Art, Greece
'Mythologies', Haunch of Venison Gallery, London, UK
New commission for the San Juan Triennial, Puerto Rico
'South South' Justina M. Barnicke Gallery, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

2008

'21: Contemporary Art at the Brooklyn Museum', New York, NY, USA
'2nd Life' Museum of Arts & Design, New York, NY, USA
New commission for the Guangzhou Triennial, China
Now Then, The Bluecoat, Liverpool, UK

2007

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Infinite Island: Contemporary Caribbean Art, Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY, USA
Drawing on Sculpture - Graphic Interventions on the Photographic Surface, Henry Moore Institute, Leeds, UK

Installation for Belsay Hall, Northumberland, UK

Drawing 2007, The Drawing Room, London, UK

2006

The Valencia Biennale, Spain

Scarecrow, Evangelos Averoff-Tositsas Foundation, Metsovo, Greece

2005/06

British Art Show 6: Touring venues around Britain, UK

Et Maintenant? - What Now? Crac Alsace, Altkirch, France

Barrocos y Neobarrocos, Palacio de Abrantes, Salamanca, Spain

2004/05

Two person show with Diana Cooper at the Drawing Room, Chapter Arts Centre, Cardiff & The City Gallery, Leicester, UK

Boys Who Sew, Crafts Council, Aberystwyth Arts Centre, MAC, Birmingham, Ipswich Museum and Huddersfield Art Gallery, UK

2003

Terrible Beauty Satellite, Roebbing Hall, New York, NY, USA

Temporary Fiction, Transition Gallery, London, UK

Jerwood Sculpture Prize, London, UK

2002

Yesteryear Nowadays, Hales Gallery, London, UK

Somewhere, places of refuge in art and life, curated by Angela Kingston, Angel Row Gallery, Nottingham, UK

2000

Beautiful, Oxo Tower, London, UK

East International, Norwich Art Gallery Brunei Gallery, SOAS, London, UK

1999

Routes, Thou Shalt Not Covert Thy Neighbours Idols, Brunei Gallery, SOAS, London, UK

Commissions

2025

Happy & Glorious: Coronation Commissions from the Government Art Collection, London, UK

Hew Locke: Cargoes, King Edward Memorial Park, London, UK

2022

The Facade Commission: Glit, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, USA

Foreign Exchange, Victoria Square, Birmingham, UK (Comissioned for the Ikon Gallery)

Hew Locke: The Procession, Tate Britain Commission, London, UK (Toured to BALTIC, Newcastle, UK and ICA Boston, Boston, MA, USA)

2019

The Ambassadors, The Lowry, Manchester, UK

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The Blind Spot: Bremen and Art in the Colonial Era, KunstHalle Bremen, Germany
(Commission for Bremen Town Hall by Hew Locke: Cui Bono)

2015

The Jurors, Commissioned by Surrey County Council and The National Trust to mark the 800th Anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta. Free to visit at Runnymede, UK

2013

Selene - permanent sculpture, facade Nadler Hotel, Carlilse Street, Soho, London

2012

Gold Standard, Old Tide Mill School, Frankham Street, London, Commissioned by Deptford X

2008

New Art Exchange, Nottingham, commission for design of permanent artwork for cafe ceiling

Awards

2000

Paul Hamlyn Award
East International Award

1994/96

Wingate Scholarship combined with Delfina Studio Award

1995

Discerning Eye New Discovery Prize

1994

Madame Tussauds Prize for Art

Publications

Hew Locke: Passages, Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, CT, USA, 2025

In the Black Fantastic, Hayward Gallery Publishing and Thames & Hudson, 2022

Life Between Islands: Caribbean-British Art 1950s–Now, Tate, London, UK, 2021

Hew Locke: Here's the Thing, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, UK, 2019

Phenomenal Difference: A Philosophy of Black British Art, Leon Wainwright, UK, 2017

Art, Power, Diplomacy: Government Art Collection - The Untold Story, Scala, London, UK, 2011

Critical Dictionary, Black Dog Publishing, London, UK, 2011

Sanctuary: Britain's Artists and their Studios, TransGlobe Publishing, London, UK, 2011

Auto Focus: The Self-Portrait in Contemporary Photography, Thames and Hudson, London, UK, 2010

Sculpture Now, Tate, London, UK, 2010

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South-South: Interruptions & Encounters, Justina M Barnicke Gallery, Toronto, Canada, 2009
Spacecraft II, Gestalten, Germany, 2009
Hew Locke: How Do You Want Me?, Editions Jannink, Paris, France, 2009
Collage: Assembling Contemporary Art, Black Dog Publishing, London, UK, 2008
Second Lives: Remixing the Ordinary, Museum of Arts & Design, New York, NY, USA, 2008
Infinite Islands-Contemporary Caribbean Art, Brooklyn Museum of Art, NY, USA, 2007
Drawing on Sculpture – Graphic Interventions on the Photographic Surface, The Henry Moore Institute, Leeds, UK, 2007
The Portrait Now, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK, 2006
Et Maintenant - What Now? Crac Alsace, Altkirch, France, 2006
Hew Locke, New Art Gallery Walsall, UK, 2005
Hew Locke, The Drawing Room, London, UK, 2004
Modern British Sculpture, Schiffer Publishing, Atglen, PA, USA, 2004
Installation Art in the New Millennium, Thames and Hudson, London, UK, 2003
East 2000, Norwich Art School Art Today, Phaidon, London, UK, 1999
Movements in Art since 1945, Thames and Hudson, London, UK, 1995

Collections

The Arnold Lehman collection, USA
The Arts Council of England Collection
Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD, USA
The British Museum, UK
The Brooklyn Museum collection, NY, USA
Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, ME, USA
Collection of Eileen and Peter Norton, CA, USA
Currier Museum, Manchester, NH, USA
The Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA, USA
The Government Art Collection, UK
The Henry Moore Institute, Leeds, UK
Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA, USA
Kansas City Collection, MO, USA
The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, MO, USA
Kunsthalle Bremen, Germany
Nasher Museum of Art, Durham, NC, USA
The New Art Gallery Walsall, UK
Pérez Art Museum Miami, FL, USA
Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA), Brisbane, Australia
RISD Museum, RI, USA
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA, USA
Tate Galleries, London, UK
The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, NY, USA
University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK
The Victoria & Albert Museum, UK