



jon oakes

choose your masques

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press release

gallery/ten presents *choose your masques*, a solo exhibition of new work by painter jon oakes

this new body of work sees oakes further develop his themes of disguise, self-confidence + heroism, first showcased in his early 2013 solo exhibition *physiogonomy* at gallery/ten. oakes' practice is full of wry social commentary, brimming with dry humour, often taking inspiration from imagery sourced from the news and press. however, his recent work veer towards the ethnographic, with characters formed through close observation of his surroundings + encounters. throughout this latest series, oakes considers whether some individuals enjoy the game of identity, whereas others may feel uncomfortable with the concept

oakes' loose, seemingly unfinished brushstrokes are coupled with strong mark-making + effortless detailing - the crease of a shirt captured in a single gesture

this juxtaposition between the expressive and loose + the fine and detailed, together with his use of text + bold colour, make oakes' work instantly recognisable

oakes lives + works in cardiff. since graduating from the university of wales institute cardiff in 1997 he has exhibited widely throughout wales + has been a part of the gallery's pool of artists since the very beginning. *choose your masques*, his second solo exhibition at the gallery, cements oakes as one of the most exciting artists in the gallery's stable

*choose your  
masques*

datganiad i'r wasg

cyflwyna gallery/ten *choose your  
masques*, arddangosfa undyn o  
waith newydd gan y peintiwr jon  
oakes

gwel y corff newydd hwn o waith  
ddatblygiad ym mhrif themâu  
oakes o hunan-hyder, o guddio +  
arwriaeth, themâu a welwyd am y  
tro cyntaf yn ei arddangosfa undyn  
*physiognomy* yn gallery/ten ar  
ddechrau 2013. mae gwaith oakes yn  
llawn o sylwebaeth gymdeithasol  
coeglyd, yn llawn hiwmor sych  
+ yn aml, cymer ysbrydoliaeth  
o ddelweddau o'r newyddion  
a'r wasg. fodd bynnag, gwel ei  
waith ddiweddar bwyslais at yr  
ethnograffig, gyda cymeriadau a  
ffurfiwyd drwy arsylwi agos o'i  
amgylchoedd a chyfarfyddiadau ag  
unigolion lleol. drwy gydol y  
gyfres ddiweddaraf hon, ystyria  
oakes tybed a yw rhai unigolion  
yn mwynhau y gêm o chwarae ag  
hunaniaeth, tra bydd eraill  
yn teimlo'n anghyfforddus â'r  
cysyniad

cymysgir strociau rhydd +  
anorffenedig ynghyd â marciau  
cryf + manylder diymdrech yn  
arddull oakes - gydag awgrym o  
blygiad llewys crys mewn un stroc

gellir adnabod gwaith oakes ar unwaith - gyda'r cyfosodiad hwn rhwng y mynegiannol a'r rhydd + y manwl a'r cain, ynghyd â'i ddefnydd o eiriau + lliw beiddgar

mae oakes yn byw + gweithio yng nghaerdydd. ers graddio o brifysgol cymru caerdydd yn 1997, mae wedi arddangos yn eang ar draws cymru + wedi bod yn rhan o griw yr oriel o artistiaid ers y cychwyn cyntaf. cadarnha *choose your masques*, ei ail arddangosfa unigol yn yr oriel, safle oakes fel un o'r artistiaid mwyaf cyffrous yr oriel

**table top 1**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395





**table top 2**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395



Jo 2014

**table top 3**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395



**i'm here for the... 1**

oil on paper 2014

70 x 50cm

£250



I'M HERE FOR THE...

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**i'm here for the... 2**

oil on paper 2014

70 x 50cm

£250





I'M HERE FOR THE...

JO 2014

**guess who's back... 8**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395



**guess who's back... 7**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395

guess who's back



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**two figures**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395

Two FIGURES



Jo | 2 0 1 4

**staff training**

oil on paper 2014

70 x 100cm

£395





**the wedding**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395

THE WEDDING



**the interviewer**

oil on paper 2014

70 x 50cm

£250

THE INTERVIEWER



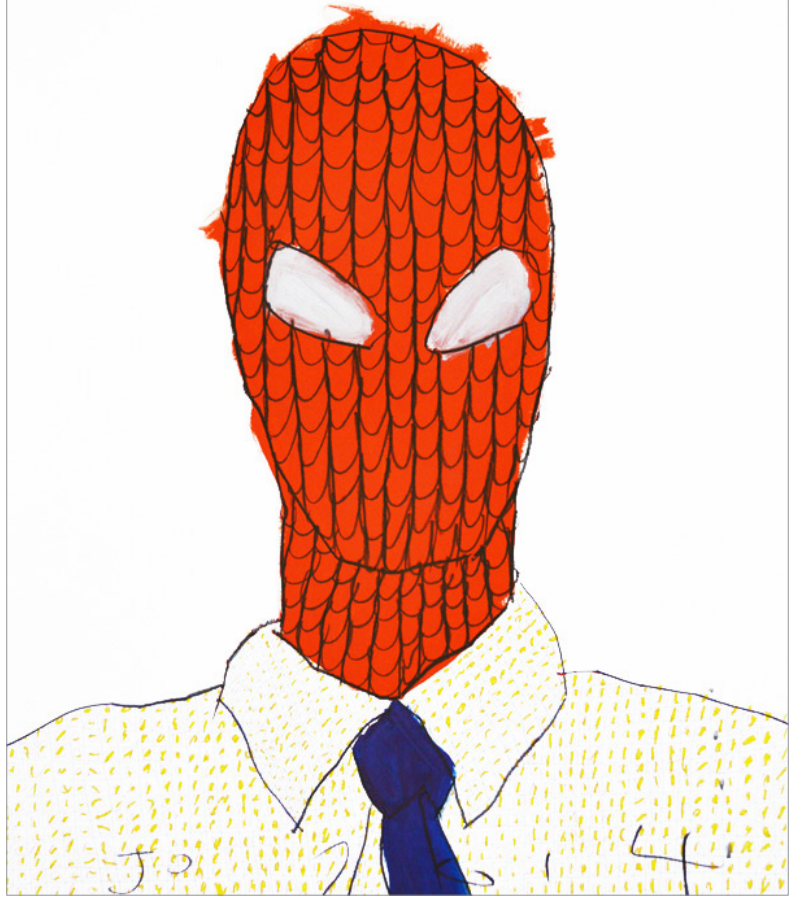
**the interview**

oil on paper 2014

70 x 50cm

£250

# THE INTERVIEW



July 2014

**the interview 2**

oil on paper 2014

70 x 50cm

£250



THE INTERVIEW 2



30 2014

**the interview 6**  
oil on paper 2014  
70 x 50cm  
£250

THE INTERVIEW 6



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**the interview 7**  
oil on paper 2014  
70 x 50cm  
£250

THE INTERVIEW 7



02-14

**the interview 8**

oil on paper 2014

70 x 50cm

£250

# THE INTERVIEW 8



**white dog**  
oil on paper 2014  
100 x 70cm  
£395







additional works

gweithiau ychwanegol

**betty rita + diane 1**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395



BETTY RITA AND DIANE TAKE COFFEE  
IN THE COURTYARD LIKE REGULAR  
MOVIE STARS . . . . .

5 0 2 0 , 4

**betty rita + diane 2**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395

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BETTY RITA AND DIANE TAKE COFFEE  
IN THE COURTYARD

2

**betty rita + diane 3**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395





**bus stop**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395

BUS STOP.....



...IT'S NOT ALL COFFEE W THE  
COURTYARD.....

JS 2014

**dancing [the wedding]**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395



DANCING  
(THE WEDDING)

2014

**black dog**  
oil on paper 2014  
100 x 70cm  
£395



**guess who's back... [trusty sidekick]**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395





**guess who's back... [trusty sidekick] 2**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395



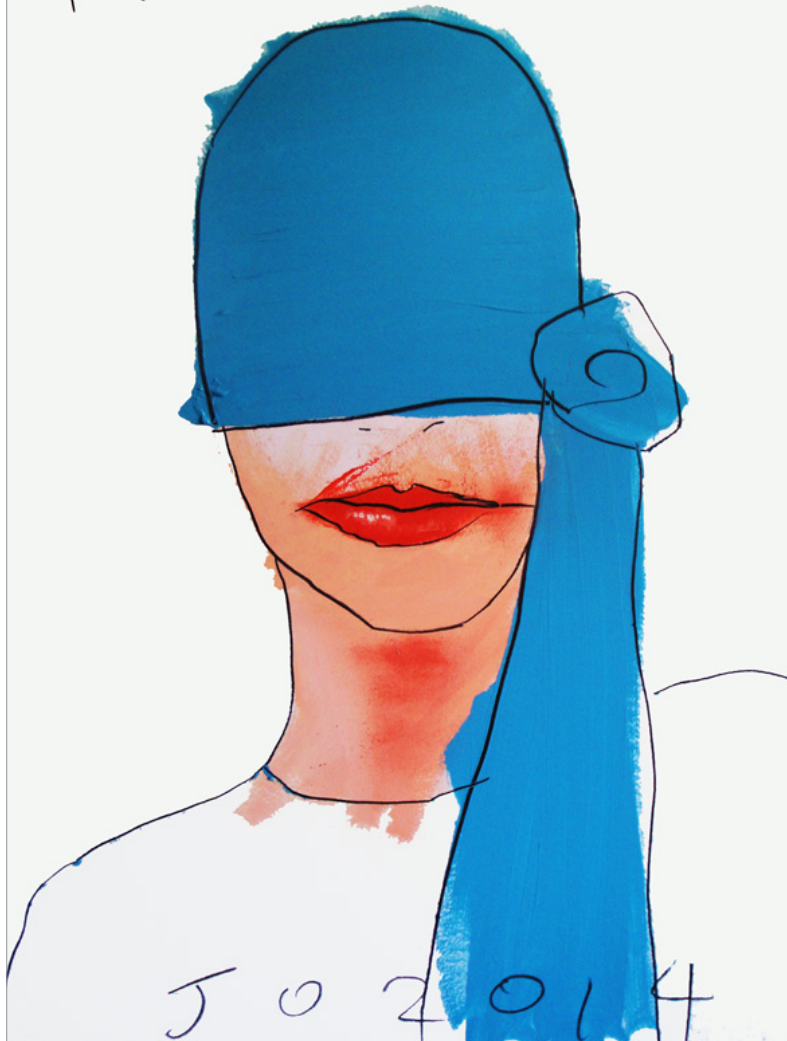
**i'm here for the... 3**

oil on paper 2014

70 x 50cm

£250

I'M HERE FOR THE ...



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**seated middle aged area manager**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395

SEATED MIDDLE AGED AREA MANAGER



**seated young area manager**

oil on paper 2014

100 x 70cm

£395





**the interviewer 2**

oil on paper 2014

70 x 50cm

£250

THE INTERVIEWER 2



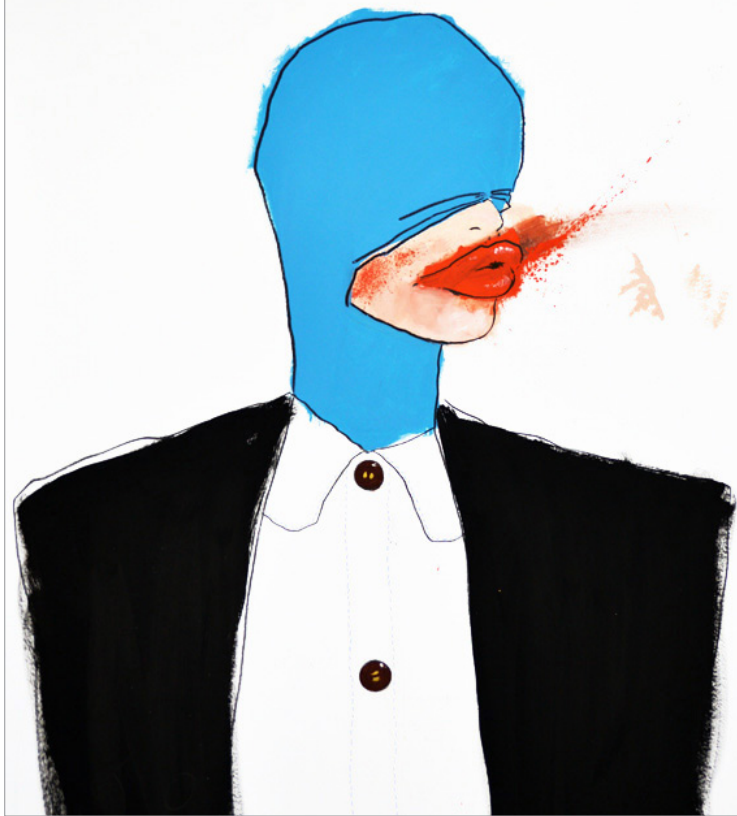
**the interview 3**

oil on paper 2014

70 x 50cm

£250

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THE INTERVIEW 3



**the interview 4**  
oil on paper 2014  
70 x 50cm  
£250

THE INTERVIEW 4



**the interview 5**

oil on paper 2014

70 x 50cm

£250



THE INTERVIEW 5



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## biography

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oakes lives + works in cardiff. since graduating from the university of wales institute cardiff in 1997 he has exhibited widely throughout wales + has been a part of the gallery's pool of artists since the very beginning

oakes takes inspiration from imagery in the news + press, giving a relevant + urgent feel to his practice which, while painting numerous works at any one time, becomes part of a larger narrative + commentary

### selected exhibitions

- 2013 physiognomy, solo show, gallery/ten, cardiff, wales
- 2012 project/ten exhibitions, various locations, cardiff, wales
- 2011 project/ten exhibitions, various locations, cardiff, wales
- 2010 drawings + paintings, oriel ty coch, cardiff, wales
- 2010 project/ten exhibitions, various locations, cardiff, wales
- 2009 selected for kyffin williams drawing prize
- 2009 wales artist of the year, st davids hall, cardiff, wales
- 2009 spring exhibition, bute gallery, cardiff, wales
- 2008 contemporary painting, bute gallery, cardiff, wales

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ysbrydolir oakes gan ddelweddau yn y newyddion + wasg, sy'n cyfleu teimlad perthnasol + prysur i'w waith sydd, tra'n paentio nifer o ddarnau ar yr un adeg, yn dod yn rhan o naratif + sylwebaeth ehangach

### arddangosfeydd dethol

- 2013 physiognomy, gallery/ten, caerdydd, cymru
- 2012 arddangosfeydd project/ten, lleoliadau ledled caerdydd, cymru
- 2011 arddangosfeydd project/ten, lleoliadau ledled caerdydd, cymru
- 2010 arddangosfa undyn, oriel ty coch, caerdydd, cymru
- 2010 arddangosfeydd project/ten, lleoliadau ledled caerdydd, cymru
- 2009 arddangosfa gwobr dylunio syr kyffin williams, ynys mon, cymru
- 2009 arddangosfa artist y flwyddyn, neuadd dewi sant, caerdydd
- 2009 arddangosfa gwanwyn, oriel bute, caerdydd, cymru
- 2008 peintiadau cyfoes, oriel bute, caerdydd, cymru

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