

Paul Mount: Sculpture and Paintings

Gibberd Gallery
 Saturday 2nd August – Saturday 27th September 2008



Images: *The Birds, Ewigkeit and Miramare*

The Gibberd Gallery in partnership with the Friends of Harlow Sculpture Collection presents an exhibition of sculpture and paintings by the Cornish artist Paul Mount.

Each summer the Gibberd Gallery profiles the work of artists who are represented in Harlow's sculpture collection. In previous years the gallery has shown the work of Fred Watson, Gerda Rubinstein and a collection of sculptures by thirteen artists in last year's *Outside Inside* show. This year's exhibition celebrates Paul Mount's longstanding relationship to the town with an exhibition of his abstract sculptural forms cast in iron and bronze or welded from stainless steel as well as a selection of recent abstract oil paintings.

One of the first sculptures to be sited at the Gibberd Garden was a Paul Mount sculpture of interlocking forms in cast iron (*Interlock*, 1979) commissioned by Sir Frederick Gibberd. The Gibberds later bought a stainless steel mobile (*Gnossien*, 1979) which is sited in close proximity to *Interlock* on the approach to the Gibberd House. When the Harvey Centre was being designed in the 1970s the Harlow Art Trust commissioned Paul Mount to design a mobile for the central space, *Gymnopedie* (1981). More recently *Gymnopedie* has been replaced by *Ecstasy* (1972), which can be found in the Civic Centre reception. Paul's relationship with Harlow continued throughout the 1970s and 1980s; he participated in numerous gallery exhibitions, both at the Playhouse Gallery and John Graham Fine Art. This exhibition offers an opportunity to revisit Harlow's connection to Paul Mount and to see how his work has developed over recent years.

To complement this exhibition the Friends of Harlow Sculpture Collection have organised three guided walks of Harlow's sculpture collection as well as a children's activity day in the Gibberd Gallery.

Sculpture Tours

Sunday 10th August – A coach tour of Harlow with Jackie Storey.

Sunday 17th August – A guided family cycle taking in many of the sculptures led by John Curry and Nick Bullions

Sunday 24th August – A guided walk of the Mark Hall area with Nick Bullions

Each tour starts at 2pm from the Museum of Harlow car park

The tours are free but booking is essential. Please call Jackie Storey on 01279 830784 to book a place on any of the three days.

Children's activity day

Thursday 7th August

10-12 and 1-3pm

Gibberd Gallery

Free drop-in children's activity day

Come and make your own three dimensional models inspired by Paul Mount's sculptures in the Gibberd Gallery. The workshop will be led by local artist Philip Melling.

For further information call 01279 446438.

Opening Times:

Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

Saturdays, 9am – midday

Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays

Admission Free

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