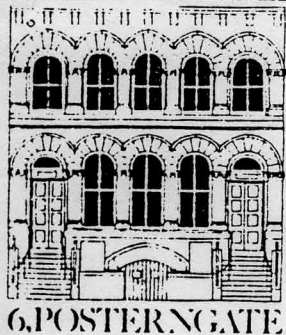


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POSTERNGATE GALLERY

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HULL

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WISHING WELL

A NEW VIDEO INSTALLATION BY KATE ELWES
COMMISSIONED BY HULL TIME BASED ARTS

19th JAN - 2nd FEB, 1991

In the middle of the gallery will stand a stonebuilt well, the muffled sound of a child's voice will emanate from the depths. If the viewer looks over the edge s/he might expect a reflection of her/himself, but the face of a child stares back...

When visiting Hull Kate was impressed by the new exhibition of childhood in the Old Grammar School.

She writes..."Where the museum maps out the social context of individual child hoods the installation aims at a more general sense of the child and the child within the adult as it attempts to communicate...The mother who gazes down into her child's face sees herself mirrored there. It is that old child that she must learn to nurture, listen to, and understand, so that her own child may grow unharmed by the spectre of the child she once was."

Previous works have concerned relationships between mother and child including 'Winter' commissioned by Channel 4 television. Kate has had screenings of her video work at the ICA, Tate Gallery and National Film Theatre, London as well as in Hong Kong, New York, Tokyo, Berlin and Sao Paolo.

Her last video installation 'First House' was seen at the Canterbury Festival and Riverside Studios. She studied at the Royal College of Art and currently lives and works as an artist in Oxfordshire with her little boy Bruno.

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