Ulrich Rückriem

25 April-30 May, Upper, Middle and Small Galleries

An exhibition of sculpture and an installation by the German artist Ulrich Rückriem. In his sculpture a single material (wood, steel or stone) is modified by a simple process which may involve separation (through cutting, sawing or splitting), variation of volume (through hammering, forging or carving), or completion (through addition of similar material). The sculpture shown in the Middle Gallery includes several works made in Oxford for this exhibition. The installation in the Upper Gallery relates to the ground plan of the Museum and is a development of his series of works based on the ground plans of galleries.







Kevin Atherton

Two Places Two Performances

1.00 pm, 18–22 May, Upper Gallery

'All my work in galleries begins with the gallery space itself. I do not bring work into a gallery but try to make a work out of the space available. This approach produces a different work for each space. As an extension of this way of working I am interested in the idea of a touring exhibition which, instead of preserving a rigid form, adapts to the conditions of each place it is shown in. Therefore on the occasion of each venue a new work is produced

Two Places Two Performances uses the spaces of the Upper Gallery of the Museum of Modern Art, Oxford and the New Gallery of the Institute of Contemporary Arts, London during the summer

David Larcher

Monkey's Birthday

11 am, 29 May, Upper Gallery

Monkey's Birthday is based on a journey to the East made during the last year but includes extensive editing, overlaying and extension of the original film material. The film lasts for six hours, and will be shown as a continuous programme during the day.

Photographs

25 April-30 May, Lower Gallery

Dr. Harold E. Edgerton is Emeritus Professor in Electrical Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Through his research in electronics, he has specialised in the photography of objects in motion. In 1931 Dr. Edgerton combined the stroboscope with the camera, enabling him to take photographs with extremely short exposure times. The flashes of a stroboscopic light are faster than the speed of a mechanical shutter and give exposures of only a small fraction of a second. An exposure of about one millionth of a second is needed to record a bullet travelling at 1,800 miles per hour.



Bullet piercing a bar of soap

These single images of the bullet, milk splashing in a bowl and a golf ball or tennis ball at the moment of impact have already become part of our visual experience. The use of multiple images on a single photograph to show the shapes described by moving bodies has followed in the tradition of Marey and Muybridge.

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Multiple

The Museum of Modern Art is publishing a limited edition of a small steel sculpture by Ulrich Rückriem. The form of this work relates to the installation and the ground plan of the Upper Gallery and the certificate is a drawing based on that plan. The edition is 50 copies and the price is £20 (100DM, \$40 US). The Museum of Modern Art is publishing a 20 page concertina folder containing drawings and instructions for the sculpture.

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Dr Harold E.Edgeton



Multiple flash photograph of golfer Dennis Shute

The exhibition has been organised from Stourbridge College of Art. An illustrated catalogue, price 45p, will be available with the exhibition.

Films

The Films on Saturday mornings (11 am) for May are:

- Skein, Aquarien, Sol, Hymn to Her, Flight, 1974, Stan Brakhage Word Movie, 1966 Touching, 1968, Paul Sharits Gulls and Buoys, 1973, Robert Breer
- Brancusi (ou l'ecole du regard) Bauhaus and its influence Henri Gaudier – Brzeska Gaudier – Brzeska Drawings



Monkey's Birthday, 1975, David Larcher

Calendar

April 25 Exhibitions open May Films 11 am 15 Films 11 am 18-22 Kevin Atherton 1.00 pm 29 David Larcher Film 11 am 30 Exhibitions close

Opening Times

Tuesday to Saturday 10-5 Sunday 2–5 Monday Closed

Admission Free

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