

BRUCE HAINES

MAYFAIR

Des Hughes

XXX

5 May - 3 June 2016

'XXX' is Des Hughes' first presentation in our current home in Mayfair. Adopting what was traditionally Georgian gentlewomen's work, Hughes presents a series of cross-stitches or "samplers" to which he adds choice song lyrics or anachronistic turns of phrase. They continue to expand upon his unique vocabulary that he is able to draw upon as a means to express a brand of wry humour, and which is also seen in his cast sculptures and watercolor drawings. His art tenderly acknowledges mid 20th-century artistic movements but also the outlook of 16th and 17th-century funereal paintings and sculptures, to whose sombre world view of the transience of life, the futility of pleasure and the certainty of death Des suggests we wilfully surrender.

Des Hughes is currently exhibiting at Pallant House, Chichester alongside his partner Clare Woods in 'The Sleepers'; his solo exhibition 'Stretch Out and Wait' at The Hepworth Wakefield ended last month, and he recently and made a public commission on the streets of Wellington, New Zealand. He has had solo shows at Buchmann Galerie, Berlin; Ancient & Modern (our previous gallery name); in the Small Collections room at Nottingham Contemporary; and has participated in group shows at CAPC Bordeaux, Henry Moore Foundation, Camden Arts Centre, Tate Britain and New Art Centre, Salisbury. In 2010 he had a solo presentation at frieze art fair, London and exhibited "Angry Pins" in the sculpture park the following year. His work is in the Arts Council Collection, Manchester City Art Gallery, The Whitworth Gallery, Saatchi Gallery and the David Roberts Foundation. ►

Des Hughes, XXX
List of work, prices

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| Perfect Skin, 2016 antique embroidery with cotton stitch on linen, 38 x 41 cm (DHU 035) | £ 3,000.00 |
| I Thought I'd Climbed A Mountain, 2016 antique embroidery with cotton silk stitch on linen, 33 x 47 cm (DHU 036) | £ 4,000.00 |
| Des Hughes Sweet FA, 2016 antique embroidery with cotton silk stitch on linen, 31 x 25 cm (DHU 037) | £ 3,000.00 |
| Alcoholic, Academic? 2015 antique embroidery with cotton silk cross stitch on linen, 60 x 30 cm (DHU 038) | £ 5,000.00 |
| Slowness, 2015 cotton silk and linen cross stitch, 39 x 35 cm (DHU 039) | £ 3,000.00 |
| Live Fast Die Fast, 2015 antique embroidery with cotton silk cross stitch on linen, 38 x 28 cm (DHU 040) | £ 3,000.00 |
| Drop Shadow, 2015 antique embroidery with cotton silk cross stitch on linen, 80 x 80 cm (DHU 041) | £ 5,000.00 |
| Never Try Never Fail, 2015 antique embroidery with cotton silk cross stitch on linen, 85 x 85 cm (DHU 042) | £ 5,000.00 |
| I've Seen It Happen In Other People's Lives, 2015 antique embroidery with cotton silk cross stitch on linen, 33 x 26 cm (DHU 043) | £ 4,000.00 |
| I Want To Be Adored, 2014 antique embroidery with cotton silk cross stitch on linen, 33 x 58 cm (DHU 044) | £ 3,000.00 |
| Night Sight, 2015 cotton silk cross stitch on linen, 29 x 21 cm (DHU 045) | £ 3,000.00 |
| Begin Again, 2013 cotton silk and linen cross stitch, 25 x 21 cm (DHU 046) | £ 3,000.00 |