

Patrick Maguire

Preview: 8th July, 6 - 9pm

9th July – 26th July 2009

Thursday to Sundays only: 12 - 6pm

Kingsgate Gallery is proud to present the first ever exhibition of works by Patrick Maguire.

On 3 December 1974 Patrick and six of his family were arrested. They were to become known as the “Maguire Seven”, allegedly responsible for making two bombs which exploded in Guildford earlier that year. Patrick was just thirteen. He spent four years in prison before being freed to a world that, thanks to the conviction, supported no family and no home. Patrick was innocent. As were those arrested with him.

As a child Patrick hated school and made numerous doodles, drawings and cartoons as a form of escapism. Later, in prison, he would decorate letters to his parents with similar pictures and cartoons. More years later, whilst being treated in The Priory, he began to work furiously creating abstract pictures and other works reflecting his state of mind.

“I fixed the works and stuck them up. ..my mind was racing and when I got the charcoal between my fingers and the end on to the paper it poured out. They weren’t pictures of things I’d seen exactly – though they were often made up of recognizable forms – but pictures of what I had felt and was feeling still. They were all very deep, but the drawings themselves couldn’t be bad, not considering the feelings I had when I was making them, feelings of release I’d never known before.”

For this exhibition Patrick has selected a variety of work on paper created whilst in the Priory which exemplify his story through a range of media and styles.

On Friday 10th July, 7.30pm at Kingsgate Community Centre, 107 Kingsgate Road, London, NW6 2JH; Patrick will be ‘In Conversation’ with Peter Stanford, journalist, broadcaster, biographer and one of the main campaigners for justice for the Maguire Seven. Patrick will be available to answer questions and sign copies of his book ‘My Father’s Watch’ which is out in paperback published by Harper Perennial. Tickets for ‘In Conversation’ £6.00 on the night, includes refreshments.

Patrick would like this exhibition to be dedicated to the memory of Tracey Meade from West London, murdered in February 1993 age 14. The murder remains unsolved.

This exhibition is supported by Peter Sutherland, The Black Lion Kilburn, Simon at Kilburn Bookshop

‘Patrick Maguire’ exhibition is a partnership event between Kingsgate Workshops Trust (Kingsgate Gallery) and the Kilburn Festival

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