

## 20.21 PRESS RELEASE

### OTHER PEOPLES LIVES

Dear Friend

I would like to invite you to an exhibition of new sculpture, painting, video, installation, and photography that I have produced for 20.21 Gallery in Essen. The title of the exhibition is “other peoples lives”, which I felt summed up the overall emotional sentiment of the outwardly erratic mixture of works that I will exhibit. The title also seems to be relevant in that it throws the focus of attention away from the personal and onto the other, the societal..... something I hope these new works are able to do.

That we are again forced to confront the unwanted images of human conflict, an unfolding horror we seem powerless to avoid, makes me feel sad and empty. Forced spectators of this primal image of unevolved cavemen and tangled reasons, we all sit in a darkened room, illuminated by the flickering light of the television, while the closed book of history gathers dust on the table. This exhibition though is not about war, but as in much of my previous work, it is definitely about us, about human beings, the places we can get lost and the utopias we dream of. The wrong turns we take, directed by ego or fear, and ultimately the way we learn to forget the beauty of the world we live in. I know you may think this sounds naïve and romantic, I do too, but it is the place of us all to look backwards and forwards simultaneously. To step away from the center and take an overview, to imagine all the other angles and perspectives. Imagine the impossibility of a tree growing without roots. It is my view we all carry the sum total of an emotional evolution from the cave to the present. In these new works, as in those before, I'm looking at the buried connections that affect us all. I don't think that in the end we are really so different you and I.