

Massimo Franco at C4RD, London

During August 2009 Centre for Recent Drawing presents the artist Massimo Franco. Franco graduated from Glasgow School of Art in 1994 and completed an MA in Drawing at the Prince's Drawing School 2004. Trained in a figurative and observational tradition Franco draws from immediate experience, particularly of the human form with a focus on place within urban environment. Figures are often enveloped by the space around them in Franco's work, emphasized by the drawings' tight compositional structure. The small scale of his drawings allow them to retain a sense of intimacy and of the personal. Working from directly from observation or memory, the drawings are often used as a basis for his paintings. Franco cites the influence of artists Leon Kossoff, Joan Eardley, Giorgio Morandi and Paul Cezanne in his work.

For this exhibition Massimo Franco will be on site at C4RD taking advantage of our position directly over Highbury and Islington railway platform to record the travellers on the platform. As the work is drawn it will be included on the gallery wall to be viewed by visitors. We hope that this will provide an enlightening opportunity to see a highly skilled practitioner of observational drawing at work and to the view the work at the site where it was observed.

Please join us for the closing reception for this exhibition at the completion of the work 6 - 8pm Thursday 3 September 2009 or during the exhibition 5 August - 4 September 2009. Centre for Recent Drawing is open for this exhibition at 12 - 6pm between Wednesday and Friday at 2 - 4 Highbury Station Road, Highbury Islington, London. C4RD is a Registered UK Charity 1123530, and would particularly like to acknowledge the support for this exhibition of ARTUPDATE.COM/.

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