

Jay Jopling
presents

ANTONY GORMLEY

Body and Light and Other Drawings 1990-1996

at
Independent Art Space
23a Smith Street
London SW3

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Antony Gormley will open a show of recent drawings which celebrates his work in two dimensions. These drawings have an intriguing parallel existence to the practice for which he is best known, a form of sculpture which involves moulding from his own body. In 1981, Gormley pioneered the return to the body which has since become one of the most important tendencies in the art of the 1990s.

The **Body and Light** drawings evoke the darkness held within his sculpture whilst exposing it to a wider imaginative context. These small, intense, black and white works, executed over the last six years, relentlessly investigate the body's condition in relation to the spaces of nature and the constructions of the built world. The dilute dark pigment becomes a fluid ground from which forms emerge, transform and dissolve. These atmospheric works evoke how it feels to be a receiver and transmitter within a field of sensations, suggesting that the body is as much a part of an elemental environment in flux, as it is defined by its own horizon of articulated experience.

Antony Gormley has shown extensively throughout the world and in the last few years has made solo exhibitions in Mexico, the United States, Japan, Canada, Austria, Poland, Italy, Denmark and France. He has received international acclaim for the emotional impact of the installation 'Field' (the British version was recently on show at the Hayward Gallery), in which 40,000 terracotta figures return the gaze of the spectator making the viewer the subject of the work. In 1994 he won the Turner Prize and is currently working on the 'Angel of the North', which when completed will be the largest sculpture in Western Europe.

The exhibition is accompanied by a book entitled **Body and Light**; a hard-bound 200 page publication with real-size reproductions of 188 drawings. This will be available for sale during the exhibition at a special price of £25. After which time the retail price will be £35.

Opening Times: Thursday - Saturday 12-6pm

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