

Sam Hutchinson

Forth

Vape Cloud Premonition

Opening 07.07.23 6-9pm

Continues Until 02.09.23

Thursday - Saturday, 10-6pm, & By Appointment

"You may wake up one day and find yourself extinct"

- from *'Blade'* (1998)

Forth is pleased to present 'Vape Cloud Premonition', a solo exhibition by Sam Hutchinson spanning an installation of new photography and sculpture. Hutchinson's works channel structures and aesthetics which appear more-so as depictions of imitative threat than they are signifiers of a tangible violence. The exhibition is anchored in an exploration into the fetishisation of the millennia - viewed through a sunset tinted mirage which at once suggests the potentially sacred and undoubtedly physical. Through the haze of the vapour cloud, linear time folds back on itself: an alternate world built up out of the remains of old cultures, the tip of the waterfall. Black leather, Camo, Techno, Blood - Fast, sexy and sleek. The only thing in your future is nothingness.

Alongside the mediums of photography, image making and sculpture, Hutchinson also works with appropriation, installation, and publishing. Throughout his practice there is a focus on exploring the politics of images and the associations formed through familiar aesthetics and the representation of both reality and truth in an overly saturated visual landscape. This manifests through a surreal take on its most banal forms - stock photography, corporate design, public advertising etc. By creating a fictional, exaggerated take on current visual trends, the viewer is exposed to a reworking of a post-industrial cityscape. Tropes of class, religion, humour, and learned beliefs are re-contextualised- the evolution of these forms as a cultural identity, developing and evolving in definition since the start of the Millenium.

Sam Hutchinson (b, 1993, Sunderland) is an artist, photographer and designer based in Leeds UK. He works for Village bookshop and gallery, and is a co-founder and director of SCREW Gallery.

Selected exhibitions include: 'The Private Exorcism of Mary Magdalene' a collaborative show with Dudley, at Cheap Cheap in Birmingham, 2022; 'Silicone Valley Tribal Tattoo', at Wet Dove Tail, Middlesbrough, 2022 (solo); '502 Bad Gateway', at SET, Kensington, 2022 (group); 'The Ceremonial Burning of a Turtleneck', at SCREW Gallery, 2021 (group).

Selected publications include: 'Uninvited Guest' and 'Amazon is Burning' 2022/2023, as part of Hutchinson's own 'Tomb Stone Happy Slap' edition; 'Watching a Supermodel Sleep on a Plane' (Bronze Age), 2022; 'Formal Mourning', 2021 & 'Hope Hope', 2020 (self-published); 'Two Thousand and Nineteen *84' (commissioned by The Tetley), 2019.

The Artist and Forth would like to thank Dudley, Reece Leung and Alec at Fresh Aire.

Room 1

Clockwise from Left

Government Closes Kid Vape Loophole

2023

Mounted Giclee Print, Aluminium Tray Frame
422x596x37mm

(I'm a Fan of) Stone Mason Comparison Websites

2023

Mounted Giclee Print, Aluminium Tray Frame
422x596x37mm

*Crosses and Holy Water Don't Do Dick So Forget What
You've Seen in the Movies*

2023

21 x Cut Blade 1998 DVD Discs, Resin, Pigment
1050x2200x120mm

Thank God Everything is Perfect

2023

Mounted Giclee Print, Aluminium Tray Frame
843x596x37mm

Room 2

Clockwise from Left

You're One of Them Aren't You?

2023

Mounted Giclee Print, Aluminium Tray Frame
422x596x37mm

You May Wake Up One Day and Find Yourself Extinct

2023

111 x Blade 1998 DVD Cases, Clear Acrylic, Galvanised Steel
Banding
Dimensions Variable

Sorry, I Forgot Fear was a Competition

2023

Mounted Giclee Print, Aluminium Tray Frame
843x596x37mm

Wet Premonition with Orange Paint

2023

Mounted Giclee Print, Aluminium Tray Frame
422x596x37mm

Composition with Home Depot (Well it Won't Build Itself)

2023

Mounted Giclee Print, Aluminium Tray Frame
596x843x37mm

Linear Portal (ITV TV.)

2023

Mounted Giclee Print, Aluminium Tray Frame
596x843x37mm

No, I'm Something Else (Oakley™ Baptism)

2023

Mounted Giclee Print, Aluminium Tray Frame
422x596x37mm

Available as an Edition

Crosses and Holy Water Don't Do Dick So Forget What You've Seen in the Movies

2023

1 x Cut Blade 1998 DVD Disc, Resin, Pigment
Edition of 20 + 3 AP

£100 (discount for those on low wage/unwaged, please enquire)

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