

# GALLERY PANGOLIN

## Figuring It Out

Four artists exploring the human figure

25th October – 26th November



'Dancer II' Harold Ambellan 'Victim' David Backhouse 'Seated Girl 3' John Bridgeman 'Inner Man' Jon Buck

**Harold Ambellan 1912 - 2006**

**David Backhouse b. 1941**

**John Bridgeman 1916 - 2004**

**Jon Buck b. 1951**

The human form has been a major preoccupation of artists from all periods and cultures from the very dawn of object-making. **Gallery Pangolin's** latest exhibition '**Figuring It Out**', introduces two artists new to the gallery, Harold Ambellan and John Bridgeman, includes a series of poignant small sculptures by David Backhouse, and a piece which has been specially made for the show by Jon Buck.

Calling himself an artisan, **Harold Ambellan** worked every day, often drawing on the scraps of paper and correspondence that happen to be scattered around his studio. From his most monumental sculptures to his smallest studies on paper, he devoted his life to the study of the human form.

**John Bridgeman** was continually modelling right up to the end of his life, returning again and again to the female form. Working in wax and clay for casting in lead, resin and bronze, he was extraordinarily prolific and left an impressive body of work, little of which has been exhibited before.

**Jon Buck's** work has always been concerned with the human form. Over time his figures have evolved from life studies to more iconic images reminiscent of goddesses and fertility symbols. The bold and contemporary use of colour and line in Buck's sculpture enhances the message of his imagery and reinforces its power.

'My themes are simple and universal: the interdependence of nature and humanity, and the search for balance and harmony. The sculptures are meditations on the human condition in our time, reflecting loss and tragedy, hope and delight, and above all the tenacity of the human spirit.' **David Backhouse**

**The Gallery is open Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 10am to 1pm.**

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