

**JOSHUA SOFAER** (b. 1972 Cambridge, England) is an artist who is centrally concerned with modes of collaboration and participation, which he explores through social sculpture, performance, installation, exhibition and publication.

Equally as comfortable in the clean white gallery, the dramatic curtained stage of the opera house, the carefully positioned vitrine of the museum, the shared areas of public space, and the domestic personalised rooms of private homes, what draws Sofaer's diverse practices together is a concern with how audiences engage with the world as a place of potentiality. People's experience is key, as are the material cultures they choose to surround themselves with.

Joshua was a winner of the 2009 Bank of America CREATE Art Award, and the first Artist Fellow on the Clore Leadership Programme in 2010/11 (supported by the Cultural Leadership Programme). He is currently Visiting Specialist in the Department of Chinese Literature at National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan. He is a PCT accredited Relational Dynamics Coach.

Artwork by Joshua Sofaer

		Solo exhibition or project	Group exhibition or project	Performance	Theatre or opera	Artist book	Catalogue	Residency	Screening
2023	'Museums in People's Homes', Compass Festival, Leeds	●							
	'Street Hunt', Heart of Glass, St Helens	●							
2022	'Bedtime Stories', OFFTA Montréal, NNF Norwich, StoryFest Singapore			●					
	'Lucky Charms', Mattauw Triennial, Tainan		●						
2021	'Regulated Exhibition', Backlit Gallery, Nottingham	●							
	'Cap & Dove', Greater Manchester Arts		●						
	'Your Future Now', produced by Prototype Paradise, C-LAB, Taiwan				●				
2020	'Opera Helps', Online project response to COVID19, produced by Wunderbar				●				
2019	'River Crossing', SMAC, Cities of Sacramento & West Sacramento	●							
	'Mouse Palace', Manchester International Festival, Manchester; Absolutely Cultured, Hull	●							
	'Calling Home', Folkoperan, Stockholm				●				
2018	'Horniman Noses', Horniman Museum, London	●							
	Live Art DK, Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, Copenhagen							●	
2017	'Street Hunt', Colchester Arts Centre	●							
	'The Gold Nose of Green Ginger', Hull UK City of Culture 2017	●							
	'The Rubbish Collection' (Film), Live Art &..., IBT17, Arnolfini, Bristol								●
	Sura Medura, Hikkaduwa, Sri Lanka							●	
2016	Artquest Residency, Horniman Museum, London							●	
	'On Face', LADA and Wellcome Collection, London			●				●	
	'Nose to See You', Hull UK City of Culture 2017	●							
	'One Grain', Bewdley Museum, Worcestershire	●							
	'Workshops in People's Homes', Abandon Normal Devices, Cumbria		●	●					
	'Opera Helps', UK tour produced by Wunderbar				●				
	'They Come from Far Away', Te Uru Gallery, Auckland		●						
	'AIDF', Auckland War Memorial Museum & Auckland University, Auckland							●	
2015	'Your Name Here', Heart of Glass, St Helens	●							
	'Floating Platforms', New Performance Turku festival / Aboagora, Turku							●	
	'Embarrassment Revisited', New Performance Turku / Madhouse, Helsinki			●					
	'Border Force', Duckie, Camden Centre London; The Brighton Dome				●				

2014	'Night Market Theatre', Prototype Paradise, Hualien, Taiwan				●				
	'The Rubbish Collection', Science Museum, London	●							
	'The Many Headed Monster', Exposición Archivo Artea, Matadero Madrid		●						
	'Matteuspassionen' (Bach's St. Matthew Passion), Folkoperan, Stockholm				●				
2013	Bedford Creative Arts and The Higgins Museum, Bedford								●
	'The Improbability Drive', (with geheimagentur) Berliner Festspiele, Foreign Affairs, Berlin				●				
	'Object of Love', <i>The Greatest of All is Love?</i> Wäinö Aaltonen Museum of Art, New Performance Turku, Turku		●	●					
	'A Run of Noses', <i>The Nose</i> , Wellcome Collection, London		●						
	'Mon cœur s'ouvre à ta voix', <i>Opera Showroom</i> , Folkoperan, Stockholm				●				
	'Performance Documentation', <i>Performance / Audience / Film</i> , John Hansard Gallery, Southampton		●						●
	'Your Name Here', <i>Paper Jam #2</i> , Piano Nobile, Geneva		●						
2012	'Art Ambassador', <i>.perf</i> , Piano Nobile, Geneva			●					
	Maison Baron, Service cantonal de la culture, Geneva								●
	'How Morland Court Got Its Name', <i>Context Matters</i> , Citizen Power, RSA, Peterborough	●							●
	'Operahjälpen', <i>Opera Showroom</i> , Folkopera, Stockholm				●				
2011	'Thinker in Residence', Performance Space, Carriage Works, Sydney								●
	'Admixture', Cheltenham Literature Festival, Cheltenham	●				●			
	'Street Hunt', Norfolk & Norwich Festival, Norwich	●				●			
	Action for Happiness, Young Foundation, London								●
	'Viver a Rua', NEC, FITEI 2010/11, Porto	●	●					●	
2010	Artist Links, British Council, São Paulo								●
2009	'Tours of People's Homes', Wunderbar Festival, Newcastle		●	●					
	'Object Retrieval', UCL, London (Shortlisted for at 2010 Museum & Heritage Award for Excellence)	●						●	●
	'Rooted in the Earth', Bank of America CREATE Art Award, London	●						●	
2008	'Rubbish Library/Library Rubbish', ARCUS, Moriya		●						●
	'Festival Scavengers', City Art Centre Edinburgh	●							
	'Face It', <i>Prognosis of Movements</i> , HAU2, Berlin			●					
	'Samlinger I Lofothjem', LIAF, Lofoten International Art Festival, Svolvar		●						
	'Getting to Know You', Bluecoat, Liverpool				●				
	'Getting to Know You', Colchester Arts Centre				●				
	'Why?', YaD Arts / JCC London, Wilton's Music Hall, London			●					
	'What is Live Art?', <i>Excursions</i> , Limerick City Gallery, Limerick								●
2007	'What is Live Art?', La Casa Encendida, Madrid								●
	'Estamos Aqui Para Ayudar', <i>In-Presentable</i> , La Casa Encendida, Madrid (with Ana Laura Lopez de la Torre)	●	●						
	'What is Live Art?', Grey Room, Teater Giljotin, Stockholm								●
	'Name in Lights', Centenary Square, Birmingham	●							
	'What is Live Art?', Granary, Cork								●
2006	'SFMOMA Scavengers', SFMOMA, San Francisco	●							
	'World in One City', Tate Liverpool, Liverpool Biennial		●						
	'What is Live Art?', <i>Points d'impact</i> , Piano Nobile, Geneva								●
	'Namesake: The Story of a Name', Tate Britain, London			●					
2005	'Tate Scavengers', Tate Modern, London	●							
	'Any Questions?', Kunstbanken, Hamar			●					
	'The Monologue Machine', <i>Points d'Impact</i> , Piano Nobile, Geneva			●					
	'Namesake: The Story of a Name', REP, Birmingham			●					
	'The Monologue Machine', <i>Anti Festival</i> , Kuopio			●					
2004	'Namesake: The Story of a Name', Powerhouse, Nottingham			●					
	'Cockeyed', Catalyst Arts, Belfast								●
	'Namesake: The Story of a Name', Swiss Church, London			●					
	'Namesake: The Story of a Name', Home, London			●					
	'Namesake: The Story of a Name', The Jewish Museum, London			●					
2003	'Scavengers', Mousonturm, Frankfurt	●							
	'Scavengers', Warwick Arts Centre & Herbert Art Gallery, Coventry	●							
	'Scavengers', Howard Johnson Hotel, West Bromwich	●							
	'What is Live Art?', <i>Live Culture</i> , Tate Modern, London								●
2002	'The Crystal Ball', ICA, London			●					
	'Embarrassment: A bare-buttocked lecture', Powerhouse, Nottingham		●						

2001	'Disinter/est: Digging up our Childhood', The Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Cambridge	●		●						
2000	'Scavengers', ICA, London	●								
	'Cockeyed', Light House, Wolverhampton			●						●
	'Take-off', <i>Because a Fire Was in My Head</i> , South London Gallery, London		●	●						
	'Embarrassment: A bare-buttocked lecture', Richard Salmon Gallery, London			●						
	'Cockeyed', Green Room, Manchester			●						●
	'Cockeyed', Toynbee Studios, London			●						●
	'Embarrassment: A bare-buttocked lecture', Deptford Town Hall, London			●						
	'Embarrassment: A bare-buttocked lecture', Margaret Harvey Gallery, St Albans			●						
	'Embarrassment: A bare-buttocked lecture', Turku Academy, Turku			●						
1999	'The Bourgeois Bedshow', Home, London			●						
	'More Effective and Less Painful', Duckie, Royal Vauxhall Tavern, London			●						
1998	'What a Performance', <i>The Kindness of Strangers</i> , W139 Gallery, Amsterdam		●							
	'Joshua Sofaer, a biography by Margaret Turner', Salle de Bains, Rotterdam		●			●				
	'Flesh Confrontation', Kunsthal, Rotterdam		●	●						
	'Concepts and Conceptions: A bare-buttocked lecture', ICA, London			●						
	'7'6", Café de Paris, London			●						
1997	'Hole in My Head', Hollywood Leather, London			●						
	'Private View', Bonington Gallery, Nottingham			●						
	'Joshua Sofaer, a biography by Margaret Turner', Books etc., London		●			●				
	'Flesh Confrontation', <i>Pictures of Lily</i> , 30 Underwood Street, London		●	●				●		
	'Private View', <i>Gagging For It</i> , Stoke Newington Gallery, London		●	●				●		
1996	'Artistic Tendencies', Powerhouse, Nottingham			●						
	'Around the Building', Arnolfini, Bristol			●						
	'Artistic Tendencies', <i>Summer Exhibitionists</i> , ICA, London			●						
	'Photo-me', <i>Aula 39</i> , Milan									●
1995	'Blowlips', 'Self-Portrait-Decay', <i>The Way We Live Now</i> , Gardener Arts Centre, Brighton		●							

Workshops, talks, writings by Joshua Sofaer

		Authored book or resource	Article or essay	Workshop	Course	Mentor	Artist or public talk	Conference or seminar paper	Judge or jury member
2020	Expert Panel, MA Performance, Norwegian Theatre Academy, Fredrikstad								●
	Artist Adviser, MA Performance, Norwegian Theatre Academy, Fredrikstad					●			
2019	<i>This is a Platform</i> , Norwegian Theatre Academy, Fredrikstad			●					
	<i>We have been thinking of you...</i> Norwegian Theatre Academy, Fredrikstad				●				
2018	<i>No Shortlists</i> , Axisweb, Cubitt, London			●					
	<i>Artists and their Families</i> , LADA, Tate Britain, London			●					
	<i>Making a Meal of It</i> , Collaborative Arts Partnership, St Helens							●	
	Expert Panel, MA Performance, Norwegian Theatre Academy, Fredrikstad								●
	Fyraften På Platformen, Udviklingsplatformen for Scenekunst, Copenhagen						●		
2017	<i>This is me</i> , Norwegian Theatre Academy, Fredrikstad			●					
	<i>Artists and their Families</i> , Prototype Paradise, Taiwan			●					
	<i>On the Verge of Performance</i> , National Theatre, Taiwan						●		
2016	<i>Self-Sign: The Artist as Material</i> , Festiborg, Sarpsborg, Norway			●					
2015	<i>Talk Contemporary: Joshua Sofaer</i> , Seattle Art Museum, Seattle						●		
	<i>Public Dreck and The Rubbish Collection</i> , Dreck ein Apparat, Berlin						●		
	<i>Artist as Art</i> , Artsadmin Weekenders, London			●					
	<i>The Audience of Contemporary Performance</i> , HZT, Berlin			●					







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1994	PgDip Postgraduate Advanced Diploma in Film & Video Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design
1993	BA (Joint Hons.) Drama & English (2:1) Bristol University

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Selected criticism and features on Joshua Sofaer

		Book	Journal	Newspaper	Website	Radio	Television
2020	Roberta Mock & Mary Paterson, eds. <i>Joshua Sofaer: Performance   Objects   Participation</i> , Intellect Live (London/Chicago: Live Art Development Agency & Intellect Books	●					
2019	Karen Smith, 'Your Name Here: Renaming and reclaiming space', in <i>People, Place, and Policy</i> 2019 12/3 pp252-264		●				
2016	Tim Jones, 'Last night a diva saved my life', <i>The Guardian</i> 23 March g2 pp.10-11			●			
	<i>Today Programme</i> with Michelle Hussain, 'Opera Helps', 15 March					●	
	<i>World Update</i> with Dan Damon, 'Opera Helps', 15 March					●	
2015	Shi-fong Wu, 'Economics of the Arts with Night Market Theatre', <i>Artco</i> no.268 January p.132-3		●				
2014	River Lin, 'Amusing and Delicious Art', <i>Art Plus Taiwan</i> , no.38 p.50-53		●				
	Kai-ping Fang, 'Joshua Sofaer and Night Market Theatre', <i>Performing Arts Review</i> no.264 December p.120-123		●				
	Peiyun Lin, 'The Rubbish Collection', <i>Green</i> , no.32 p.82-87		●				
	TVBS, Taiwan, 'Theatre Moves into the Night Market' Transmitted 12 November						●
	Thomas Woodham Smith, 'Life in the Arts Lane', <i>Huffington Post</i> , 23 September				●		
	Adam Forrest, 'What I learned from raking through bins', <i>The Big Issue</i> , 18 August		●				
	Photographic Editorial, 'Waste not...', <i>The Guardian</i> , 30 July				●		
	Mike Doherty, 'Worthless art', <i>National Post Canada</i> , 19 July			●			
	Katharine Worley, 'A Space of Waste', <i>Art Media Agency</i> , 3 July		●				
	<i>Midweek</i> with Libby Purves, BBC Radio 4, 2 July					●	
	Lorraine Rubio, 'Artist Sorting Through London Museum's Trash', <i>Art Net</i> , 18 June				●		
	Anoosh Chakelian, 'Leather shoes, a bag of drugs...', <i>New Statesman</i> , 17 June		●				
	Nell Frizzell, 'Mr Garbage', <i>The Guardian</i> , 17 June				●		
	Sara O'Reilly, 'The Rubbish Collection', <i>Time Out</i> , 16 June		●				
	Hanna Höglund, 'Drabbande passion', <i>Expressen</i> 28 March p.7			●			
	Martin Nyström, 'Ren och skär musikalisk magi', <i>Dagens Nyheter</i> 28 March p.8			●			
	Per Feltzin, 'Kulturnytt: Matteuspassionen på Folkoperan', <i>Sveriges Radio</i> 27 March				●	●	
	Ella Petterson, 'Bänkad med Ella: Passion åt folket', <i>Sveriges Radio</i> 8 March					●	
2013	Patrick Wildermann, 'Der Fantasiefluchtwagen', <i>Der Tagesspiegel</i> 5 July p.23			●			
	René Hamann, 'Kunst und Volk im Grossraumwagen', <i>Tageszeitung</i> 3 July p.24			●			
	Antoine Pickels, 'Escaping the Market', <i>LEAP International Art Magazine of Contemporary China</i> June 2013 p.70-75		●				
	Suvi Satama, 'Veret seisauttavia...', <i>Turun Sanomat</i> 6 June			●			
2012	Bojan Pancevski, 'Opera singers hit healing note', <i>The Sunday Times</i> 15 April p.27			●			
2011	Sibylle Peters, <i>Der Vortag als Performance</i> , (transcript Verlag, Bielefeld)	●					
	Joana Lourerio, 'Será Esta Rua Minha?', <i>Visão</i> 2 June p.4		●		●		

2010	Kai van Eikels, 'Der Wiedereintritt des Ruhms: Kunst und politisches Handeln diessseits des Staates', JTLA (Journal of the Faculty of Letters, The University of Tokyo, Aesthetics), Vol.34		●				
	Inês Nadais, 'Joshua Sofaer', 'Cidades' - Público (Edição Porto) pp.10-11			●			
	Winship, Lyndsey, 'Joshua Sofaer', <i>Obescena</i> no.23 May/June pp.22-23		●				
	David Ogawa, 'Unexpected Concatenations', <i>Radical History Review</i> No.106 pp.193-197		●				
2009	Gabriele Brandstetter, Sibylle Peters & Kai van Eikels eds., <i>Prognosen uber Bewegungen</i> (Berlin, b-books)	●					
	Ilana Mitchell 'Talking about Tours of People's Homes', <i>Performance Now &amp; Then</i> (Newcastle: Arts and Social Sciences Academic Press)	●					
	Supitcha Tovivich, 'Connecting Locals', <i>art4d</i> Number 157, March pp.64-68		●				
2008	<i>The Culture Show</i> , BBC 2, 'Festival Scavengers' Transmitted 26 August						●
	Mary Paterson, 'Name in Lights', <i>The Live Art Almanac</i> (London: LADA) pp.25-28	●					
	Editorial, 'Joshua Sofaer' in <i>Art &amp; Architecture Journal</i> Number 66/67 pp.86-87		●				
	Rosalie Doubal, 'Festival Visual Art: Treasure hunt', <i>The List</i> Issue 611, p.104		●				
	Leon McDermott, 'On the hunt for answers' in <i>Metro Life</i> August 12 p.27			●			
	Claire Sawers, 'The Treasure Principle' <i>The List</i> Issue 607, 17 July pp.17, 20-21		●				
	Jonathan Brown, 'Outer Limits' in <i>The Independent</i> 12 June			●			
	Dee Heddon, <i>Autobiography and Performance</i> (Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan)	●					
2007	Alex Kasriel, 'Subverting the fame game with art', <i>The Jewish Chronicle</i> 16 June			●			
	Alex McRae, 'Art too serious? I'm up for fun', <i>The Independent</i> , 10 May			●			
	Matt Keeting, 'My Mentor', <i>The Guardian</i> , 19 March			●			
2006	Judith Palmer, 'Ornamental happiness...', <i>Real Time Magazine</i> no.76 p.43		●				
	Katherine Ambellan, 'Garbage into art', <i>Oakland Tribune - Living</i> 28 Sept. p.1/6			●			
	Edith Marie Pasquier, (ed.) <i>Artists' profiles</i> (London: Louis Wirz,) pp.18-19		●				
	Rachel Garfield, 'Towards a Re-articulation of Cultural Identity: Problematizing the Jewish Subject in Art' in <i>Third Text</i> , Vol. 20, Issue 1 pp.99-108		●				
2005	<i>The Art Show</i> , Channel 4, 'Beware Live Art' Transmitted 18 Sept						●
	<i>Richard and Judy</i> , Channel 4, 'Tate Scavengers' Transmitted 10 July						●
	Natalie Brierley, 'Game Play: Thrill of the Chase' in <i>New Statesman</i> July 25, p.44		●				
2004	Brian Logan, 'Sofaer, So Good', <i>Time Out</i> May 12-19, p.157		●				
2003	Tom Watson, 'Adjournment (Whitsun)', <i>House of Commons Official Reports: Parliamentary Debates</i> London: Hansard vol. 405 no.100 (Part 1/2) 22 May p.1200		●				
	Mark Waugh, 'Vivarium', <i>The International Journal of Art &amp; Design Education</i> vol.22 no.2 pp.168-182		●				
	Florian Malzacher, 'Schweinekopf-Jagd: Joshua Sofaers "Scavengers" beim Plateaux-Festival', <i>Frankfurter Rundschau</i> October 24, p.14			●			
	Jens Holst, 'Verrückte Dinge', <i>Journal Frankfurt</i> no.22 p.11			●			
	Roddy Lumsden, 'Joshua Sofaer' < <a href="http://www.anweb.co.uk">http://www.anweb.co.uk</a> >				●		
	David Hughes, 'What is Live Art?', <i>Live Art Magazine</i> no.44 Jan-March pp.1+13		●				
2002	Philip Stanier, 'They Crystal Ball', <i>Live Art Magazine</i> no.41 Sept-Nov p.10		●				
	Sarah Ainsley, 'Live Art - Joshua Sofaer', <i>[an] Magazine</i> Sept p.42		●				
	Rupert Smith, 'Join the Club', <i>The Guardian (Media)</i> May 14, p.15			●			
	Manuel Vason, Lois Keidan, Ron Athey <i>Exposures</i> (London: Blackdog Publishing)	●					
2001	Rosie Millard, <i>The Tastemakers</i> (London: Thames & Hudson)	●					
	Sico Carlier, 'Joshua Sofaer British Performance Artist', <i>Butt</i> no.2 Autumn pp.46-51		●				
2000	Gilda Williams, 'Because a Fire Was in My Head', <i>Art Monthly</i> no.236 May pp.42-43		●				
1999	Louise Coysh, 'Home 2', <i>[an] Magazine</i> Sept p.19		●				
	Lyn Gardner, 'Home is where the art is', <i>The Guardian</i> July 7, p.12			●			
1997	Matthew Higgs, 'Pictures of Lily', <i>[an] Magazine</i> Dec p.21		●				
	Tim Mowbray, 'Sexual Positions', <i>Time Out</i> Nov 26-Dec 3, p.121		●				
	David Burrows, 'Pictures of Lily', <i>Art Monthly</i> no.211 Nov pp.35-36		●				
	Martin Coomer, 'Pictures of Lily', <i>Time Out</i> Oct 2-Nov 5, p.54		●				
1996	Marie-Anne Mancio, 'Summer Exhibitionists', <i>Live Art Magazine</i> no.11 Aug-Oct pp.26-27		●				