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## MICHAEL DOOCEY

Michael Doocey: "Basically my work is a response to THOUGHT ACTION FUSION, a psychiatric concept that denotes a melodramatic belief in the expediency of abstractions. TAF happens when you start to believe that thinking too much about evil acts can make them happen. It's a fancy new term for obsession, and a good way to think afresh about conceptual art. My art is an experiment in piecemeal indulgence of TAF through object oriented performances. Performative objects can attain some level of responsibility for their own fate: they are like the allegories described by Walter Benjamin; myth dragged into the shameful light of history; the fetishes of dead perverts. I see my role as articulating a sense of how the IMAGE OF HUMANITY confronted with a totality is an image of a trans-historical death. There is no better example of this than Lars von Trier's exploration of the depressive's ultimate destructive fantasy - the end of the world - in Melancholia. My angle on this process has been to pursue a complete conflation of creation and destruction, in a series of ephemeral works which went mostly undocumented: performances where I stood in the street and spat in my eye; or poured a bucket of water over my head and waited to catch a cold; sculptures that crumbled into dust, washed away in the rain, or fell down, because sellotape won't hold a hunk of steel to a wall. Beyond the veneer of idiocy this process was an attempt to collaborate with fate on developing alternatives to existing forms of argument. I'm interested in representing the degrading nature of human reference. This underlies the process by which articulated elements are over-determined and end up as quasi-hieroglyphs or parodies. It's about paradox and falsehood; and developing a self-referential visual language that describes how "media" can blind and wreak the possibility of primary experience".

## WEBSITES

[www.no-one-likes-us.com](http://www.no-one-likes-us.com)

## EDUCATION

2011 - Art History Leiden University  
2012

2003 - Fine Art Crawford College of Art & Design  
2008

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2009 AdHoc Gallery and Studios, Belfast, Northern Ireland Twofold More the Child of Hell he was Before; Video Installation  
[Solo](#)
- 2009 Piotrkowska, Łódź, Poland Give More Expect Less; Site-Specific Performance and Installation  
[Group](#)

## PROJECTS

- 2010 Cold Shower Wet Priest Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende Kunsten Den Haag Performative Intervention
- 2009 Klassenfoto Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende Kunsten Den Haag Collaborative Performance and Installation
- 2009 Give Again Koninklijke Conservatorium Den Haag Performative Intervention

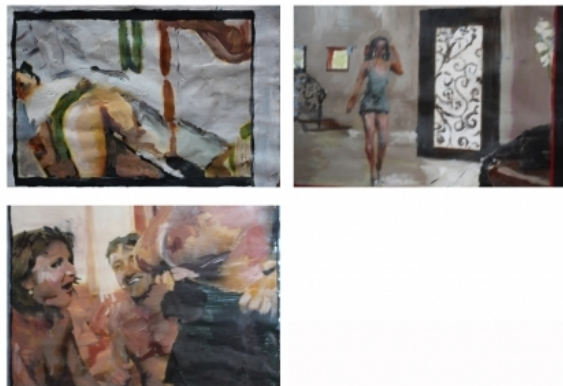
- 2009 The Joinery Gallery and Studios,  
Dublin, Ireland Outsider Artist; Video,  
Photography, Painting  
[Solo](#)
- 2009 Draiocht Arts Centre, Dublin, Ireland  
Sounds Like Art; Sound Installation  
[Group](#)
- 2008 Crawford School of Art, Cork Ireland  
Soup; Higher Graduation Exhibition  
[Group](#)

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

- 2008 National Sculpture Factory, Cork,  
Ireland, Artist Residency
- 2008 Queen Street Digital Studios, Belfast,  
Northern Ireland, Artist Residency



down, 2013  
hd video



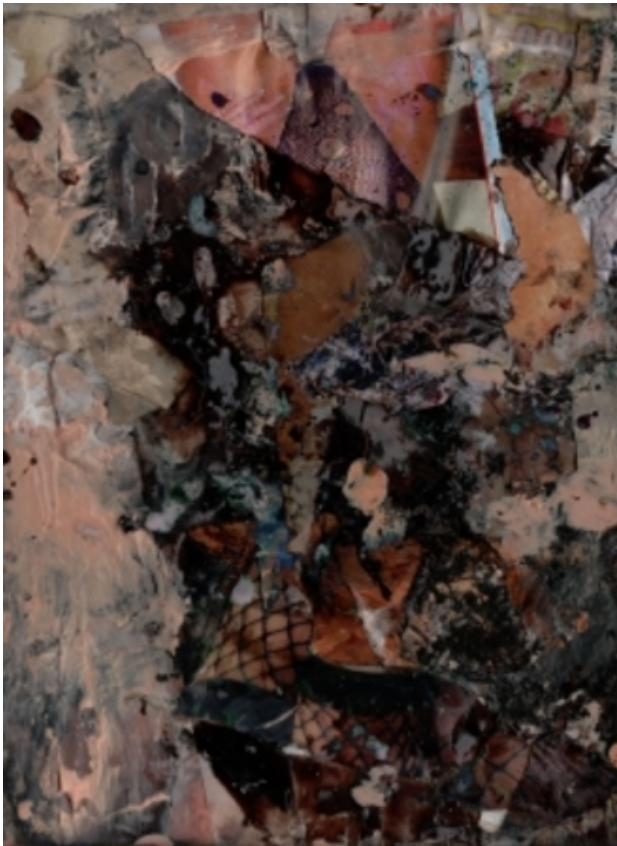
story of my fucking life, 2013  
painting



O's, 2013  
sculpture



degradation, 2013  
photography



degradation, 2013  
photography



GAY ART, 2012  
video installation



Gray, 2012  
sculpture/performance



Grids, 2012  
hd video



m, 2011  
sculpture



bailout, 2011  
sculpture