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Citizens

23 August - 8 October 2005

What rights, if any, does the concept of citizenship give us? Who is a citizen, and who is not? What does citizenship mean?

Citizens brings together 19 artists from across the globe to address the issue of citizenship today. Through paintings, video, installations and photography, this major international exhibition addresses not only what it means to be a citizen, but also how it feels to have that privilege taken away from you, both lawfully and unlawfully.

The exhibition examines citizenship in three distinct ways: the "included" citizen, the "excluded" or non-citizen, and the unidentified citizen, who belongs to a place not formally recognised as a nation state. From works such as the startling photographs of Russian street children, who have been marginalised and ignored by post-Soviet society, by Boris Mikailov, to the powerful installation *Wish You Were Here* by Anthony Key, which refers to the tragedy of the Morecambe Bay cockle pickers, the exhibition examines the rights of citizens, both at home and abroad, and the various economic and social factors which influence these rights.



Showing art that is both thought provoking and beautiful, *Citizens* encourages us to look deeply into what is really meant by "citizenship", and examine this from a broad range of viewpoints.

Exhibiting artists: Claudia Andujar, Roy Arden, Carlos Caravhalho, Mauricio Dias & Walter Riedweg, Anna Bella Geiger, Ori Gerscht, Peter Kennard, Anthony Key, Matthieu Laurette, Armin Linke, Rubens Mano, Jean-Luc Meyer-Abbatucci, Ludovic Michaux, Boris Mikhailov, Ingrid Pollard, Joao Roberto Ripper, Jana Sterbak, Mans Wrangle.

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