

Greg Lucas

Greg Lucas: Walls Have Ears and Other Failed Ideas

Outpost: 10b Wensum Street, Tombland, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 1HR. It's an artist-run gallery founded in November 2004 and committed to presenting exciting and cutting-edge contemporary art - exhibitions, screenings, critical forums, artists' talks and other - harder-to-categorize - events. If you don't already know it, you need to check it out.

On Saturday 22 October, 2011, Greg Lucas headlined there - one of those events that evades categorization. His presentation, *Walls Have Ears and Other Failed Ideas*, remains difficult to summarize. He took the floor at 18.45. It was dark and cold outside but the atmosphere within the gallery was convivial and relaxed. The building has functioned previously as a skittle saloon and a bed shop. Now it is a whitewashed space, the

'white cube' sort of place in which one expects to view art. Art critic for the *Guardian*, Adrian Searle, once remarked (this is from) mhe

These artistic stances and social critiques underpin

Drowned Fireman Bern: 27/10/10

Drowned Firemen, Bern' is a 'found' - rescued, saved - archive of water-damaged, 35mm slide-transparencies, of firemen, taken by firemen. The slides are a record of some of the fires fought by the firemen of Bern, Switzerland, over a period of twenty or so years, from the mid 1970s to the late 1990s.

Headspace: 19/06/11

I continue along the seashore, trying to recall all the blondes I know from memory: Jimmy Saville, Andy Warhol, Boris Johnson, Ulrika Johnson, Klaus Kinski, Mira Hindley, Dick - *'you are awful, but I like you'* - Emery, Martin Kippenberger, Kurt Cobain, Vitus Gerulaitis, Marlon Brando, Jill Dando. Reading back over the list now, my blondes from memory, they were all murderers, with the exception of newsreader Jill Dando, who was shot in the head by a murderer.

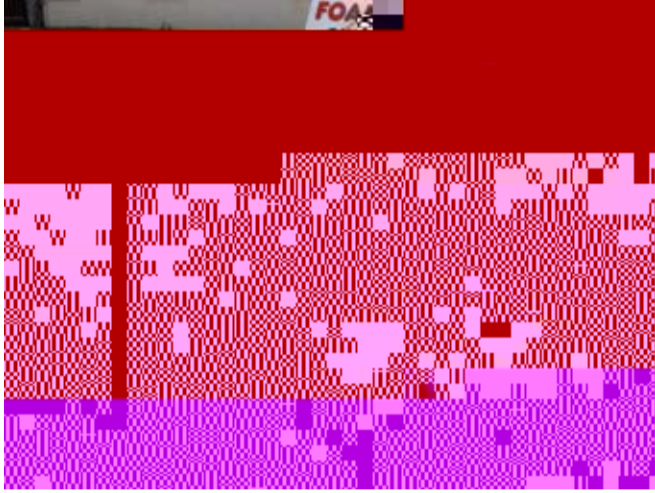
The Pataphysician Alfred Jarry said, *'Clichés are the armature of the absolute'*, and swans, like ducks and sheep (from lambing to shearing) invite (incite?) the production of photographic clichés. In sculpture an armature is the framework around which the sculpture is built. 'Outdoor types' are often clad in a combination of fleece and down - walking, cli1o69, JT8(a)5(p)3(hic cl)-3(i(l)-12)11(w)-15(n - w)3(al)-12(k)-8(in)9(g)-3R5(n 80(o)3(w)-156(omb))-9(un)9(g-9(rfon.l))a(s



My father plays, his mother played, but I never progressed beyond "A Dozen A Day (Book 1, Pre-Practice Exercises for the Piano)".

The Duck Pond: 12/10/10

Whilst in Wales (a country known for its blubber - Dawn French, Dylan Thomas, Tom Jones, Welsh Cakes), I once more found myself focusing on foam. 'Foam Cut To Size', but I could hardly believe my eyes, as one foam led to another, and in no time at all I found myself staring into a duck pond.



Wing Mirrors Wannabe Bats: 02/07/10

B.A.T stands for British American Tobacco and Murcielago is a Mexican cigar brand. A lot of people refer to this cigar as "the Bat". Murcielago is the Spanish word for a bat. *The Cigar Smokers Journal*, when reviewing the Murcielago in a blind tasting, stated: "the cigar burned uneven at first with one side burning faster than the other. This was due to the so spots I felt on the side of the cigar."

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