

Chemical Gdns.



About

My name is Chris Jones and I am a self taught artist and photographer living in a sleepy victorian seaside town called Ventnor, in the UK. My artery is an innate curiosity for the unseen and the impetus to capture such things.

As an artist, my intention is to present these ideas subtly within photographs, illustrations, mixed media and words - to attempt to weave within these works a gentle manifestation and close lucidity.

My work is often buried in dreams, memories of slight things, views upon the cusp; things I would wish to forget, and other things I cannot seem to remember.

During the last year, I have enjoyed collaborating with French artist, *Cendrine Rovini* via a series of mixed media artworks exploring male and female equilibrium. Recently I have worked alongside Illusionist *Aaron Isted* to help update the magician's personal portfolio.

My personal goals continue to be to provide a rich, intricate world for the viewer, exhibit like a trooper and to move into new & familiar territories in an effort to eradicate a troublesome comfort zone.

Influences

I draw influence from a wide range of sources; Old horror comics such as *Tales from the Crypt* for the pace and narrative, *David Lynch's* often nightmarish scenes of the absurd darkness and dreams, the unexplainable 'something' of *William Eggleston's* photography, and the eeriness (but meticulous stillness) of *Gregory Crewsdon's* cinematic work have all found a way to move the way I regard photography.

I am also greatly impressed by the psychedelic poster art movement of the 1960s with names such as *Rick Griffin*, *Victor Moscoso* and *Wes Wilson* often finding ways into my layout and colour selections.

In addition, I find visions and heat within the rhythm of music, books and cinema, and I am astonished daily by the contemporary art-scenes happening both underground and overground.

Shows

- 15th Sep → 5th Nov 2011. 'Gardens' (solo show) @ The Rope Store Gallery, Quay Arts, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5BD.
- 11th July → 18th July 2009. 'Homegrown' (group show) @ Basement of The Depository, Nelson Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.
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Published

- September 2011 Blanket Magazine #1
- 'Focus on aspects of life through the viewfinder' - artist feature in local newspaper, Isle of Wight CP.
- 'The Budget' Magazine (official magazine of the british magic circle) - cover photograph of illusionist Aaron Isted.
- August 2011 Carpaccio Guide to emerging illustrators, photographers & artists Vol. 6
- July 2011 Carpaccio Magazine #28 - 'Only love can break your heart'.
- March 2011 'Fortitude in the face of Planets', collaboration with artist Cendrine Rovini.
- March 2011 Carpaccio Guide to emerging illustrators, photographers & artists Vol.4
- December 2010 Carpaccio Magazine #21 - 'The Long Fall'.
- October 2010 'Le Brouillard', collaboration with artist Cendrine Rovini.
- September 2010 Hortus Noctis blog - artist feature.
- January 2010 Carpaccio Magazine #10 - 'The Impossible is Possible tonight'.
- November 2009 'Your Kind' EP for singer and songwriter Kid Decker.
- September 2009 Carpaccio Guide to emerging illustrators, photographers & artists Vol. 2
- Carpaccio Magazine #6 - 'The new birth issue'.
- January 2009 Cover for 'The Lie / Fall Apart' EP for London band, Ledbetter.
- September 2009 Interviewed for CFYE.com
- March 2008 Cover for 'This Spark' EP for London band, Ledbetter.

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