

HARLEY WEIR

b. 1988, Surrey, UK. Lives and works in London, UK.

One of the most celebrated photographers of her generation, Harley Weir is an image-maker that continually subverts the expected. Known for the intimacy of her images carefully composed with a highly attuned sense of colour, material and composition, she is known across her personal, commercial and editorial work in the fashion industry for radically reshaping ideas of womanhood and how the female gaze might be engaged with and made new in our current era. Her artworks - often using both analogue and digital techniques with experimentation in the darkroom and in post-production - combine her signature visual intensity and freedom with mysterious and unguarded subjects. The resulting images evoke a world familiar to us and filled with emotion, yet suggestive of a darker and more compulsive sense of our place within it. A world in which the body is turned inside out, in which images take on an unnamed agency and where the transformative effects of desire, anger, ecstasy and turmoil leave an indelible mark on our gaze. Through her personal work Weir has sought to increase awareness around social issues such as plastic waste, the rights of refugees, marine conservation, and therapeutic support for young people, among other issues.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025

Hannah Barry Gallery, London, UK

2022

Sins of a daughter, Hannah Barry Gallery, London, UK

2020

Walls, MEP, Paris, FR

2018

Homes, Fabrica Gallery, Brighton Photo Biennial, Brighton, UK

2017

Boundaries, Foam, Amsterdam, NL

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025

Ponyshow - a group exhibition supporting LA Fire Relief, organized by Amity, Los Angeles, US

2024

Domestic Rituals, Foreign Entities, Indecisive Hosts, Numeroventi, Paris, FR

SHADOW-BAN, SHOWstudio, London, UK

Masquerade, makeup & Ensor, MoMu - ModeMuseum, Antwerp, BE

Fragile Beauty: Photographs from the Sir Elton John and David Furnish Collection, V&A, London, UK

Sin Centre, Hannah Barry Gallery, London, UK

Epoch Review, Permanent Files, Paris, FR

2023

ECHO. Wrapped in Memory, MoMu, Antwerp, BE
You May Find Yourself... Just Stop Oil, Koppel X, London, UK
Dream Journal, Company Gallery, New York, US
In the Pink, Parlour, London, UK

2022

Danser l'image. Le Ballet national de Marseille direction (LA) HORDE, Le Centre national du costume de scène, Moulins, FR
Play of Manners, Galerie Balice Hertling, Paris, FR
...and kneeling at the edge of the transparent sea I shall shape for myself a new heart made of salt and mud, Kupfer Project Space, London, UK
The Machine-Gunneress in a State of Grace, New Discretions, New York, US
Girls Girls Girls, Lismore Castle Arts, Waterford, Ireland, IE

2021

Old Friends, New Friends, Collective Ending HQ, London, UK

2020

Crowd, Hannah Barry Gallery, London, UK
CLAY, T J Boulting, London, UK

2019

Transformer: A Rebirth of Wonder, 180 The Strand, London, UK

2018

rubbish_1, with Wilson Oryema, Soft Opening, London, UK

2017

The Belly and the Members, Cob Gallery, London, UK

COLLECTIONS

Sir Elton John and David Furnish Collection, London, UK

PUBLICATIONS

Code Red (IDEA x Beauty Papers: London, 2022)
Father (IDEA, London, 2019)
Function (Baron Books: London, 2018)
Iran (Louis Vuitton, Fashion Eye Collection: 2018)
Homes (Loose Joints: London, 2017)
Paintings (Loose Joints: London, 2017)