

The Stuckist Party

Candidate Profile

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- 1953 Born, Romford, Essex.
- 1958 First professional art project – sold drawing of teddy bear to Grandfather for 3d.
- 1964-70 Brentwood School, Essex. His poetry reviewed by classmate, the late Douglas Adams. Griff Rhys-Jones in year below, Noel Edmunds a prefect.
- 1969 Organized *The Havering Arts Lab* for experimental arts performances. Headline in *The Havering Express*: SEX ORGY TALE: GROUP BANNED. Council withdrew allegations.
- 1970 Hospital Stores Porter.
Environmental demonstrations, carried coffin with last gasp of clean air through Romford High Street.
- 1971 Stood as ‘Dwarf’ Candidate, Havering Council Election (22 votes; Young Liberals 21) ‘Underground’ magazine distributor (including ‘Schoolkids OZ’). Visited OZ trial at Old Bailey.
- 1972 Joined Divine Light Mission meditation movement. Betterwear brush salesman door-to-door.
- 1973-75 Thurrock Technical College, Foundation Art Course. Married to fellow student.
- 1975-79 Maidstone College of Art (BA Hons, Fine Art – Painting). Only fail in ten years.
- 1979-87 Part-time Receptionist/Telephonist, Kent County Ophthalmic and Aural Hospital
- 1979 Co-founded The Medway Poets with Billy Childish, Bill Lewis, Sexton Ming (all now in Stuckists group). (1982 met and later promoted Tracey Emin, art student.)
- 1980 Divorced.
- 1981 Gave up painting to concentrate on poetry.
- 1982 Sir John Betjeman letter: “I don’t know what a poet is, but I know you are one”.
- 1982-96 Frequent media work. Children’s ITV – Disney Club, Motormouth, No.73. ITV – Late Night Late, James Whale. Resident Poet – Invicta Radio.
- 1987-99 Full-time poet. Extensive work as Visiting Poet in Education – worked in over 700 schools. Poems in over 100 children’s anthologies (OUP, MacMillan etc).
- 1993 Co-ran The Cryptic Club, Bloomsbury – mixed media performance venue.
Moved from Maidstone to Golders Green.
- 1996 Moved to Finchley in house overlooking stream and trees.
- 1997 Took up painting after fifteen year gap.
- 1998 Joined The Arts Club, Dover Street.
- 1999 January. Coined term *Stuckism*. Co-founded *The Stuckists* with Billy Childish. First group show Sept: *Stuck! Stuck! Stuck!* 1000 people at Private View. Nov: became full-time artist.
- 1999 March: *The Resignation of Sir Nicholas Serota* show. Oct: *Real Turner Prize Show*.
Stuckist Clown non-demo at Tate Britain.
- 2001 May Co-founded *The Stuckist Party* with Billy Childish. Registered with Electoral Commission. Standing in General Election in Islington South and Finsbury.
To date, fifteen Stuckist shows (including five in Germany). Now 27 Stuckist groups in four continents. Countries include USA. France, Germany, New Zealand, Australia, Ivory Coast and China.