



Photographs - Lyn Way

Object: Photographs

Date: 2013 (made)

Artist/Maker: Hart, Paul, born 1961 (artist)

Credit Line: Gift of Paul Hart

Museum number: E.618-2019

Gallery location: Prints & Drawings Study Room, level C, case MB2H, shelf DR35

Public access description

Paul Hart is a British landscape photographer. His work focusses on one geographical area at a time which he then captures repeatedly over a number of years. His pictures are usually devoid of people, but a human imprint is evident in manmade structures such as roads or an area such as The Fens, marshland in the east of England which was drained centuries ago.

His interest is in the constant play between the natural and manmade world, and his photographs capture nature's ability to endure and triumph when co-existing with human interference. They are also a comment on man's impact on the environment and historic exploitation of the natural world.

This print, Lyn Way is taken from Hart's Farmed series. Farmed is the first in a three-part series which focusses on The Fens, an area that is intensively farmed and known for its flat, wet landscape and expansive skies. Hart talks of the tree featured in this photograph as forming an 'oasis' in The Fens, as the single survivor squeezed between two hostile manmade structures. He notes the stunted growth of the tree resulting from pollution and limitations of its environment, but nevertheless a symbol of the enduring ability of nature to prevail.

Hart has been the recipient of several awards, most recently as winner of the Wolf Suschitzky Photography Prize (2018). He has published three monographs, Drained (2018), Farmed (2016) and Truncated (2009) with Dewi Lewis Publishing.

Descriptive line

Photograph by Paul Hart, 'Lyn Way', 2013, from the series 'Farmed', 2009-2015

Physical description

Black and white photograph of a tree growing in a draining ditch. There is a road on the left side of the picture and a row of greenhouses on the right side.

Dimensions

Height: 40.6 cm, Width: 40.6 cm

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