

John Kirby

(1949-2025)

Biography

1965/7	Shipping Clerk
1967/69	Catholic Bookshop salesman
1969/71	Boy's Town of Calcutta, assistant to the Director
1971/82	Variety of mainly social work jobs
1982/85	St. Martins School of Art, London
1986/88	The Royal College of Art, London

Solo Exhibitions

- 2013 *John Kirby*, Flowers Gallery, New York, USA
- 2012 *Angela Flowers at 80*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
- 2011 *John Kirby: Ghosts*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
- 2005 *New Prints and Monotypes*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
 Absent Friends, Flowers Gallery, London
 Il Polittico, Rome, Italy
 Mixed Blood, Flowers Gallery, New York, USA
 Being Alive, Flowers Gallery, London
 Home, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
 What Remains, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
 The Living and the Dead, Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, UK
- 1999 *Lost Children*, Flowers Gallery, London
 Il Polittico, Rome, Italy
 New Prints and Monoprints, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
 Paintings, Flowers Gallery, Santa Monica, California, USA
 Flowers Gallery, London, UK
 Someone Else, Flowers Gallery, New York, USA
- 1998 *Lost Children*, Flowers Gallery, Santa Monica, California, USA
- 1997 *John Kirby*, Il Polittico, Rome, Italy
 In the Dark, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
- 1996 Art Basel 27, Basel, Switzerland
- 1995 *The Company of Strangers*, Ferens Art Gallery, Hull, UK
- 1994 *The Company of Strangers*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
- 1993 *The Sign of the Cross*, Angela Flowers Gallery, London, UK
- 1992 *Homeland*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
- 1991 *New York and Related Works*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
 Homeland, Lannon Cole Gallery, Chicago, Illinois, USA
- 1989 *Still Lives*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK

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1988 *Other People's Lives*, Angela Flowers (Ireland) Inc., Co. Cork, UK

1987 *Artist of the Day*, Angela Flowers Gallery, London, UK

Group Exhibitions

2026 *56 in 26*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK

2025 *august (adj)*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK

2024 *Summer Flame*, Flowers Gallery, Hong Kong

2020 *Isolation: Solitary, Suspended*, Flowers Gallery, Online
IFPDA Fine Art Print Fair, Online

2019 *John Kirby: All Passion Spent*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK

2017 *Mono: An Exhibition of Unique Prints*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK

2016 *Winter Group Show 2016*, Flowers Gallery, New York, USA
Small is Beautiful, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Pop-Up Exhibition of Flowers Gallery Artists, Wang Chuk Hang, Hong Kong

2015 *Small is Beautiful*, Flowers Gallery, New York, USA
The Print Show, Flowers Gallery, London, UK

2013 *Selected*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
STRANGER: An Exhibition of Self Portraits, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Small is Beautiful: XXX, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Angela Flowers at 80, Flowers Gallery, London, UK

2012 *12 British Artists: Selected Gallery Artists*, Flowers Gallery, New York, USA
Angela Flowers at 80, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
HEADS: Selected Gallery Artists, Flowers Gallery, New York, USA

2010 *40 Years On*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Standing Room Only, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Un Cibo senza Tempo, Il Polittico, Rome, Italy
Personal Agenda, Flowers Gallery, New York, USA

2009 Flowers Central, London, UK
Flowers at Palm Beach, Florida, USA
Spring Selection, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
White Wedding, Neuberger Museum of Art, New York, USA
New Works, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Meltdown, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Victor Felix Gallery, London, UK
Small is Beautiful: Nursery Rhymes, Flowers Gallery, London, UK

2002 *Small is Beautiful*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
5th Anniversary Show, Flowers Gallery, Santa Monica, California, USA
Small is Beautiful: Part XXI: War and Peace, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Headstrong, 7 Bedford Row, London, UK
Per Amore, La Raccolta Caggiano, Salerno, Italy
Die Wiedergefundene Malerei, Kunstraum Palais Porcia, Vienna, Austria
Spiritus Mundi, Flowers Gallery, London, UK

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- Back to the Figure – Contemporary Painting*, Kunsthalle der Hypo Kulturstiftung, München, Germany
Gallery Selections, Flowers Gallery, New York, USA
Heads, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Mixed Blood, Flowers Gallery, New York, USA
Small is Beautiful XXIV: Portraits, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Vade Retro: Arte e Omosessualità Da Von Gloeden a Pierre et Gilles, Palazzo della Ragione, Milan, Italy
Michetti Foundation, Francavilla al Mare, Italy
Small is Beautiful XXV, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
My Gay Eye, Werkstattgalerie, Berlin, Germany
Small is Beautiful XXVI: Love, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
- 2001 *Flowers One*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
5 Painters, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Il Polittico, Rome, Italy
- 1997 *Angela Flowers Gallery 1997*, Flowers Gallery, London Fields, London, UK
Summer Exhibition, The Royal Academy of Art, London, UK
Heads, Flowers Gallery, London Fields, London, UK
Print, Riverside Studios, London, UK
British Figurative Art, Part 1: Painting, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Small is Beautiful Part XV: Death, Flowers Gallery, London Fields, London, UK
New British Painting 1, Flowers Gallery, Santa Monica, California, USA
Rene Magritte and Contemporary Art, Museum voor Moderne Kunst, Ostend, Belgium
Self Portraits, Six Chapel Row Gallery, Bath, UK
Angela Flowers Gallery at Riverside Studios, London, UK
Small is Beautiful: Part XVI: Music, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Contemporary British Landscape, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Small is Beautiful: Part XVII: Millennium, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Angela Flowers Gallery 30th Anniversary Exhibition, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Artists' Choice, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Odapark, Venray, Netherlands
Collection Homberg, Museum für Kommunikation, Frankfurt
Small is Beautiful: Self Portrait, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
- 1996 *Naked*, Flowers Gallery, London Fields, London, UK
Four British Painters, The John McEnroe Gallery, New York; Mendenhall Gallery, Pasadena, California, USA
Angela Flowers Gallery (Ireland) Inc., Co. Cork, UK
Small is Beautiful: Part XIV: Sex, Flowers Gallery, London Fields, London, UK
- 1995 *The Twenty Fifth Anniversary Exhibition*, Flowers Gallery, London Fields, London, UK
Flowers at Koplin, Koplin Gallery, Los Angeles, California, USA
Flights of Angels, The Olde School Gallery, Powys, Wales
- 1994 *Inner Visions*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Back to Basics, A Major Retrospective, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Downeen Decade, Angela Flowers (Ireland) Inc., Co. Cork, UK
- 1993 *Portrait of the Artist's Mother done from Memory*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
New Figurative Painting, Salander-O'Reilly Galleries / Fred Hoffman, Beverly Hills, California, USA
Small is Beautiful Part XI: Homages, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
New Work, Flowers Gallery, London Fields, London, UK

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- 1992 *Artist's Choice*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Fin quando sarà pittura, Il Polittico, Rome, Italy
Small is Beautiful Part X: Animals, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
- 1991 *Angela Flowers Gallery 1991*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Inaugural Exhibition, Lannon Cole Gallery, Chicago, USA
The Cabinet Show, Gillian Jason Gallery, London, UK
- 1990 *Flowers at Moos*, Gallery Moos, New York, USA
The Soul, Diorama Gallery, London, UK
Madonnas, Diorama Gallery, London, UK
Small is Beautiful Part VIII: The Figure, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
- 1989 *Sex and Sexuality Festival*, Diorama Gallery, London, UK
Big Paintings, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
The Thatcher Years: An Artistic Retrospective, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Daley, Hicks, Jeffries, Jones, Kirby, Lewis, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
Angela Flowers Gallery 1970–1990, Barbican Concourse Gallery, London, UK
- 1988 *Contemporary Portraits*, Flowers Gallery, London, UK
The London Influence, Slaughterhouse Gallery, London, UK
Figure II Naked: A Private Mythology, Aberystwyth Art Centre; Victoria Art Gallery, Bath; Mide-Pennine Arts Association, Burnley, Lancs; The Arts Centre, Wrexham, UK
- 1987 *Three Artists Show*, Underground Gallery, Bath, UK
The Self Portrait: A Modern View, Artsite Gallery, Bath; Flowers Gallery, London; Anne Berthoud Gallery, London, UK
- 1986 *Canvas Two*, John Hansard Gallery, Southampton and Milton Keynes, UK
One Year On, International Contemporary Art Fair, Olympia, London, UK
John Player Portrait Exhibition, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
New Acquaintance, Fabian Carlsson Gallery, London, UK
- 1985 *'85 Degrees Show*, Serpentine Gallery, London, UK
- 1984 *John Player Portrait Award Exhibition*, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK

Public Collections

Aberystwyth University School of Art Museum and Galleries, Aberystwyth, UK
Contemporary Art Society
Ferens Art Gallery, Hull, UK
Irish Contemporary Art Society, UK
John Hansard Gallery, University of Southampton, UK
Royal College of Art Collection, London, UK
Tate, London, UK
University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, UK
Victoria & Albert Museum, UK
Rene Magritte Foundation, Brussels, Belgium
Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, Connecticut, USA

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