

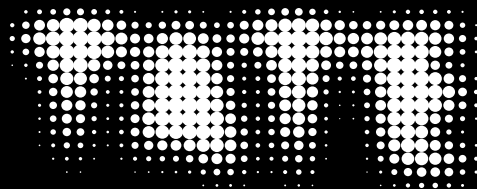
ANTHONY McCALL

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LARGE PRINT GUIDE



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ROOM 1

ROOM 1: PHOTOGRAPHS, WORKS ON PAPER, INTRODUCTION TEXT

[Wall Text]

Step inside these projections of light to interact with and become part of the artwork. Anthony McCall's 'solid light' artworks blur the boundaries between cinema, sculpture and drawing. Beams of projected light slowly trace the outlines of shapes, creating sculpted, three-dimensional chambers cutting through a misty haze.

In this first room you can see detailed drawings from which McCall develops his 'solid light' installations. There are also photographs of his experiments with light and performance.

Landscape for Fire 1973, one of the artist's early films, is screened in room 2. At this time, McCall was working in the UK. The film documents a short performance in which McCall lights small fires at dusk in a precise geometric grid.

Four immersive artworks fill the main room. McCall made his first 'solid light' work **Line Describing a Cone** in New York in 1973, using simple animation techniques. He first showed the work in the loft-spaces and art venues of the New

York and London avant-garde film world. The projection cut through the dust and cigarette smoke that filled those spaces, enabling it to be seen in three dimensions. McCall returned to the series in 2003 following the invention of digital projectors, and the haze machine which produces a thin non-toxic mist, allowing viewers to see the light beams in modern smoke-free spaces.

The artist's more recent works expand the 'solid light' format. **Doubling Back** 2003 'folds in upon itself'; the evolving beams of **Face to Face** 2013 are projected in two directions at once, while **Split Second Mirror I** 2018 uses the refraction of light to conjure uncanny forms for visitors to explore.

Anthony McCall (born in the UK in 1946) is a key figure in contemporary art practice. He describes his work as 'existing in the space where cinema, sculpture and drawing overlap'. McCall's 'solid light' works have influenced many subsequent artists working with film and installation.

[Image credit]

Anthony McCall working on a 16mm Bell and Howell
animation camera stand during the shooting of the 'solid
light' work **Cone of Variable Volume** 1974

Photograph, digital print on vinyl

Photograph by George Griffin

Courtesy of the artist, Sprüth Magers, and Sean Kelly,
New York/Los Angeles

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Split Second Mirror I

2018

Study for installation

Graphite and photocopy on paper,
facsimile printed 2024

Courtesy of the artist, Sprüth Magers, and Sean Kelly,
New York/Los Angeles

X91046

Notebook 66

(1973.07.10–1973.08.21)

1973

Animation production study detailing
concept for **Line Describing a Cone** 1973

Ink, graphite, collage on paper

Courtesy of the artist

X89965

Doubling Back

2017

Footprints at approximately 100 second intervals
9 prints, UV-cured archival pigment on Dibond
printed 2024

Courtesy of the artist, Sprüth Magers, and Sean Kelly,
New York/Los Angeles X89060

Four Projected Movements

1975

Facsimilies of wax pencil on paper
drawings, printed 2024

Courtesy of the artist, Sprüth Magers, and Sean Kelly,
New York/Los Angeles
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Smoke Screen VII

2017

Photograph, gelatin silver print mounted on museum board and aluminium, printed 2024

Courtesy of the artist, Sprüth Magers, and Sean Kelly,
New York/Los Angeles

X89057

Landscape for Fire

1972

Photograph by Carolee Schneemann Photograph, gelatin silver print mounted on museum board and aluminium, printed 2024

Courtesy of the artist, Sprüth Magers, and Sean Kelly,
New York/Los Angeles

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Room with Altered Window

1973

Photograph, gelatin silver print mounted on museum board
and aluminium, printed 2024

Courtesy of the artist, Sprüth Magers, and Sean Kelly,
New York/Los Angeles

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ROOM 2

ROOM 2: LANDSCAPE FOR FIRE

Landscape for Fire

1972

Film, 16mm, projection, digitised with audio

7 minutes

Courtesy of the artist, Sprüth Magers, and Sean Kelly,
New York/Los Angeles

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ROOM 3

ROOM 3: SOLID LIGHT WORKS

Line Describing a Cone

1973

Film, 16mm, projection, digitised

30 minutes

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Doubling Back

2003

Digital video projection

30-minute cycle

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New York/Los Angeles

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Face to Face IV

2013

Two digital video projections and double-sided projection screens 24-minute cycle

Courtesy of the artist, Sprüth Magers, and Sean Kelly,
New York/Los Angeles

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Split-Second Mirror I

2018

Mirror, digital video projection 16-minute cycle

Courtesy of the artist, Sprüth Magers, and Sean Kelly,
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