

## Lightshadow Johannes von Stumm

19 April – 27 August The Cloisters, New College



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"Big Interlacing" 170 x 52 x 12 cm Glass, Bronze, Granite on Steel Plinth Edition 2/12, 2014

> "Floating Stone" 54 x 22 x 11 cm Granite and Glass, Unique, 2014



"Rectangle" 59 x 18 x 24 cm Glass, Bronze, Limestone, Stainless Steel Edition 2/12, 2015



"United" 54 x 54 x 54 cm Glass, Bronze, Limestone, Stainless Steel, Granite Edition 1/12, 2013



"All Together" 40 x 49 x 49 cm Glass, Bronze, Limestone, Stainless Steel, Granite, Wood Edition 1/12, 2013



"Grace" 191 x 25 x 25 cm Glass, Bronze, Granite Edition 7/12, 2023



"Emptiness - Fullness" Seated Figure 20 x 14 x 8 cm Stainless Steel Edition 4/12, 2021

> "Mother and Child" 38 x 22 x 22 cm Bronze Edition 5/12, 2019



"Mother and Son, Father and Daughter" 30 x 28 x 17 cm Bronze Edition 3/12, 2024



"My Absent Friend" 74 x 70 x 48 cm Mild Steel painted in Oxford Blue Unique, 2024



"Kouros" Walking Man 25 x 11 x 8 cm Bronze Edition 4/12, 2024



"Summer", Reclining Figure 20 x 31 x 18 cm Bronze Edition 1/12, 2020



"Dance" 25 x 16 x 16 cm Bronze Edition 3/12, 2024



"Contemplation" or "Seated Buddha" 108 x 72 x 56 cm Bronze Edition of 9 Number 8 and No. 9 available



"Welcome Figure" 47 x 48 x 15 cm Stainless Steel Unique, 2008



"Kneeling Figure" or "Offering" Bronze 140 x 80 x 115 cm Five editions of nine available, 2005



"I am the Light of the World" 47 x 18 x 9 cm Bronze Eleven editions of twelve available, 2023



"Humility" Crouching Figure 25 x 43 x 19 cm Bronze Edition of 2/9, 2020



"Infinity", Seated Figure 25 x 15 x 14 cm Bronze Edition 2/12, 2024



"Black and White" 200 x 120 x 48 cm Stainless Steel Edition 1/12, 2021 Six years ago, I encountered Johannes' work for the first time. I knew then we had to work together. Eighteen months ago, I went to speak to Erica. There was nowhere else I could envisage this glorious interlacing of stone and glass and metal and space. Conversations of absence and presence between site and sculpture, between stone and light and space – the im/materiality of light. There was nowhere else this would work in quite the same way. The light through the cloisters, the colour of the stone, the spirituality and spatiality of the place – all working harmoniously with the glass, the granite, the limestone, the steel... the then and the now. As Director of Oxford Festival of the Arts and as a proud alumna of New College, I could not be more delighted, or more thankful. I hope that all our visitors will feel the beauty of this coalescence as it comes together in New College.

## Dr Michelle Castelletti

Director, Oxford Festival of the Arts

A few months ago I was sent one of the most exciting shopping lists of my life: a list of crosses, cubes and human figures that we might include in Lightshadow. And it has been a delight to work with Johannes and Michelle in choosing sculptures to complement the magnificent medieval spaces of New College. Johannes's work meditates on the interplay of absence and presence, material and spirit, shape and emptiness, and fits perfectly in the cloisters and antechapel, spaces that reach towards transcendence and a world beyond, and have been places of prayer and contemplation for more than six hundred years. We hope that you will take time to consider the play of light over materials, the human shape and what it leaves behind, the delight in new perspective that Johannes's work encourages. May you find peace and light in this place.

## **Rev Dr Erica Longfellow**

Dean of Divinity, New College, University of Oxford

We are very grateful to Professor Michael Burden, Dean, and Pictures & Chattels Fellow, and to Mr Miles Young, the Warden of New College, for agreeing to this collaboration; to the Chapel Committee, and to the marvellous Deans' and College Officers' Secretary, Jacqui Julier, for their enthusiasm and for being such a joy to work with; and to everyone who has helped us make this happen, including the Maintenance Manager, Jason Lowe; the College Carpenter, Brendan Holmes; the Health and Safety Administrator, Karl Chapman; the Chapel Administrator, Bradley Hoover; the Porters, Maintenance Team and Yards. We look forward to many future collaborations!

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