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Arts Council Collection Launches New Series of Contemporary Art Exhibitions at Longside Gallery, Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Catch This 2008

Karla Black

24 May – 29 June

Hilary Lloyd

5 July – 10 August

Lucy Skaer

16 August – 21 September

Tania Kovats

27 September – 2 November



Karla Black, *Unused To*, 2007, Arts Council Collection, Southbank Centre, London © the artist



Hilary Lloyd, *Colin #2*, 1999, HI-8 video, Arts Council Collection, Southbank Centre, London, © the artist 2008

Catch This is a series of exhibitions which showcases some of the very latest acquisitions to the Arts Council Collection and give a tantalising insight into the work of some of Britain's hottest contemporary art talent. **Catch This 2008** features work by four artists who are all rapidly establishing international reputations: **Karla Black, Hilary Lloyd, Lucy Skaer** and **Tania Kovats**. The series will be shown exclusively at Longside Gallery in Yorkshire Sculpture Park from 24 May to 2 November 2008.

Glasgow-based artist **Karla Black** opens the **Catch This** series with a site-specific presentation of her delicate sculptural work *Unused To* (2007). This will be the first time the work has been seen in the UK. Black has received significant acclaim for her distinctive sculptures made from everyday and often perishable materials. Her work has recently been shown at Tate Britain, and in Cologne, Luxemburg, Milan and New York. *Unused To* (2007) is an evocative two-part sculpture made from familiar domestic materials such as sugar paper, chalk, ribbon, polythene, vitamin E body cream, nail vanish, hair gel and toothpaste. Karla Black will be installing the work herself in the project space which will be open to the public daily from 24 May to 29 June 2008.

Catch This: Karla Black is followed by displays of other recent additions to the Arts Council Collection including a mesmerising film installation by **Hilary Lloyd**, an intriguing range of drawing, sculpture and film work by **Lucy Skaer**, and a selection of **Tania Kovats'** drawings and found objects which explore the cultural and historical symbolism of the white horse.

For over sixty years, the Arts Council Collection has supported emerging artists in this country through the purchase and display of their work. To complement the **Catch This** series the Arts Council Collection will be holding 'Collecting the New' – a Study Day in September which will provide a chance to find out more about the diversity and range of contemporary British art and how it is acquired for the nation. For further details and to book your place please call 01924 830900 or email sculpture@southbankcentre.co.uk.

Free admission to all **Catch This** exhibitions .

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To arrange an interview with participating artists and for further information about the Catch This series please contact Margot Williams on 0792 191 5350 Email: margot.williams@btinternet.com

NOTES TO EDITORS

The Arts Council Collection supports artists in this country through the purchase and display of their work. Since it was founded in 1946, the Collection's acquisitions policy has always been characterised by a spirit of risk taking combined with an informed appraisal of current practice. As a consequence the Arts Council Collection is now the largest national loan collection of modern and contemporary British art in the world, and includes fine examples of work by many of this country's most prominent artists. It is the most widely circulated of all of Britain's national collections and can be seen in exhibitions at museums and galleries across the UK and abroad. The Arts Council Collection is managed by The Hayward, Southbank Centre, London on behalf of Arts Council England.

Longside Gallery is open daily from 11am – 4pm. A regular free shuttle bus service is in operation between the YSP Visitor Centre and Longside Gallery during exhibition opening hours. For further visitor information see www.ysp.co.uk

For more information about the Arts Council Collection, and to search online, visit www.artscouncilcollection.org.uk Public enquiries T: 01924 830900, E: sculpture@southbankcentre.co.uk