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Lee Campbell

Hero

An exhibition of specially made new work by Lee Campbell.

We are receptacles of impossible images emanating from mass culture.

We have leaky subjectivities that extend into zones halfway between prosaic reality and fantastic fiction.

With my head in the stars and my feet bound in concrete, I am fortunate to live in this zone where everyday things have a secret identity; where every bin or chair has a virtual life in the imagination...

Hero is a lightbox print that uses the gallery as the 'box'. The shape of the gallery was recreated at the artist's Peckham home and decorated with disused floor coverings to make an ambiguous space - half sanctuary, half prison. Dressing up in borrowed clothing Campbell sits in the box attempting to achieve a classic superhero look, but intentionally falls short allowing his less than super human shortcomings to be visible. Is this figure a downbeat reflection of our power fantasies, or a celebration of liberal attitudes towards self-individuation?

Lee Campbell graduated from Kingston University in 1999 and gained an MA at Goldsmiths College in 2002. He has exhibited in Paris and extensively in London, and is a founder member of the artists collective Nth Art.

Hero runs from 16th January to 28th February 2004, and is open 24hrs a day.

Lee Campbell website

<http://freespace.virgin.net/leecampbell.web/index.htm>

Nth Art website

<http://www.nth-art.org>

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