

**September 2005**

**Nick Hackworth is appointed as a Member of the Advisory Committee on the Government Art Collection**

David Lammy, Minister for Culture, announced today that Nick Hackworth has been appointed to the Advisory Committee on the Government Art Collection. His term of appointment will run from 31 December 2005 to 30 December 2009.

Biographical notes

Nick Hackworth is Contemporary Art Critic of the Evening Standard, as well as Art Editor at Dazed & Confused and Quintessentially magazines. He is currently writing a book on the Chapman Brothers for Tate Publishing. Recently, he has produced a number of small theatrical productions in the UK and abroad. He had his first solo show of photographic work in spring 2005.

Background

The Government Art Collection (GAC) is unique in its combination of a wide-ranging and growing collection of British art (approximately 12,500 works, from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the present) and their display in Government buildings in the UK and around the world. In so doing, the GAC promotes British art, history and culture to the many thousands of visitors to these buildings, and enhances the working environment. We are committed to ensuring that both historical and contemporary British Art is recognised on a national and international level. He has not undertaken any political activity in the past five years.

The Advisory Committee on the Government Art Collection advises the Secretary of State, via the Director of the GAC, on the acquisition of works of art for the Collection. Committee members give their services on an honorary basis.

This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.