

Unrealised Potential

ARTIST: Conor McGarrigle

TITLE: Doppelganger

Outline of Unrealised Potential

Some years ago I started to photograph shoes I found abandoned in unexpected places. I always seemed to find them in remote places like in the middle of a forest or on top of a mountain. I always wondered what had happened to their owners?

Conspiracy theorists have always had a simple solution, spontaneous combustion, an unusual phenomena, which causes people to burst into flames but for some reason leaves their shoes more or less intact.

However, in 1926 the British mathematician Paul Dirac, while working on solutions for quantum equations, discovered quite by accident the existence of antimatter. For every particle of matter in the universe there exists a particle of equal but opposite energy. Should these particles meet they will annihilate each other in a burst of energy. So there exists for every person a doppelganger. A double so terrible that a chance encounter will result in total annihilation leaving only your shoes.

The exhibition will consist of my back catalogue of photographs of abandoned shoes from around, each labelled with the place and time. A team of mathematicians using supercomputers will analyse the data from these photographs using Schrödinger and Dirac's wave equations and by calculating the position, direction and velocity of every particle work backwards to the moment when each shoe was abandoned solving the mystery of whose shoe it was and why it was abandoned.

It is estimated that this calculation may take up to one thousand years.

Suggested Artists

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