

Press Release

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ANGEL OF THE NORTH LOSES WING IN CUTS CAMPAIGN

A new work by Turner Prize nominated artist, Cornelia Parker, created specially for the campaign led by artists against funding cuts, was released today.

The work shows Antony Gormley's celebrated Angel of the North with one of its wings lopped off. The caption reads: *Why clip the wings of an industry that is soaring? It's a false economy to cut the arts.*

Nominated for the Turner Prize in 1997, Cornelia Parker has become known for her installations and interventions, including *Cold Dark Matter: An Exploded View* 1991 (Tate Modern) where she suspended the fragments of a garden shed, blown up for her by the British Army, and *The Maybe*, a collaboration with actress Tilda Swinton, at the Serpentine Gallery in 1995. In 2003 she wrapped Rodin's Kiss with a mile of a string to make a new work *The Distance (a kiss with string attached)* for her contribution to the Tate Triennial.

She has had recent solo exhibitions at Baltic, Gateshead (2010), the Whitechapel Gallery laboratory (2008) Ikon Gallery, Birmingham (2007) and the Museo De Arte de Lima, Peru (2008). Her work was included in the 16th Sydney Biennale (2008) and in the 8th Sharjah Biennial, UAE (2007).

She has works in the Tate Collection and in numerous public and private collections in Europe and the USA. She is represented by Frith Street Gallery, London and D'Amelio Terras, New York.

Each week the work of a different artist, created in response to the campaign, is released. The campaign was launched 10 September with a new video by David Shrigley and a campaign poster by Jeremy Deller, Scott King and William Morris. This was followed by new works by Mark Wallinger and Yinka Shonibare.

Supporters of the artists' campaign are being asked to sign a petition which will be sent to the Culture Secretary, Jeremy Hunt. It points out that it has taken 50 years to create a vibrant arts culture in Britain that is the envy of the world and appeals to the government not to slash arts funding and risk destroying this long-term achievement and the social and economic benefits it brings to all.

The artists acknowledge that reasonable cuts and efficiencies are necessary but they fear that the 25% cuts being proposed will destroy much of what has been achieved and will have a particularly damaging impact on national and regional museums and their collections.

The campaign is being organised by the London branch of a national consortium of over 2,000 arts organisations and artists dedicated to working together and finding new ways to support the arts in the UK.

Full petition details on:

<http://www.savethearts.org.uk>

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Turning Point Network

Turning Point Network is a national consortium of artists, arts professionals and arts organisations in England dedicated to working together to find new ways to strengthen the visual arts, and to support the arts more broadly.

List of Artists who have signed the petition:

Faisal Abdulllah

David Austen

Charles Avery

Fiona Banner

Jordan Baseman

Becky Beasley

Zarina Bhimji

Karla Black

Martin Boyce

Anthony Caro

Jake & Dinos Chapman

Adam Chodzko

Steve Claydon

Nathan Coley

Matt Collishaw

Nigel Cooke

Tony Cragg

Michael Craig-Martin

Juan Cruz

Ian Davenport

Richard Deacon

Tacita Dean

Richard Deacon

Jeremy Deller

Willie Doherty

Peter Doig

Tracey Emin

Nogah Engler
Luke Fowler
Anya Gallaccio
Ryan Gander
Ori Gerscht
Liam Gillick
Andy Goldsworthy
Douglas Gordon
Antony Gormley
Brian Griffiths
Sunil Gupta
Maggi Hambling
Richard Hamilton
Mona Hatoum
Susan Hiller
Damien Hirst
David Hockney
Howard Hodgkin
Runa Islam
Alison Jackson
Chantal Joffe
Isaac Julien
Alan Kane
Anish Kapoor
Michael Landy
Mark Leckey
Hew Locke
Sarah Lucas
Steve McQueen
Malcolm Morley
Ron Mueck
David Nash
Rosalind Nashashibi
Mike Nelson
Tim Noble
Humphrey Ocean
Harold Offeh
Julian Opie
Cornelia Parker
Peter Peri
Grayson Perry
Susan Philipsz
Tom Phillips
Marc Quinn
Fiona Rae
Peter Randall-Page
Bridget Riley
Conrad Shawcross
Yinka Shonibare

David Shrigley
Bob and Roberta Smith
Terry Smith
Simon Starling
Sam Taylor-Wood
Jurgen Teller
Wolfgang Tillmans
Mark Titchner
Keith Tyson
Francis Upritchard
Jessica Voorsanger
Mark Wallinger
Rebecca Warren
Gillian Wearing
Sue Webster
Richard Wentworth
Rachel Whiteread
Cathy Wilkes
Jane and Louise Wilson
Bill Woodrow
Richard Wright
Carey Young
Toby Ziegler