

# IAN BERRY

## Curriculum Vitae

b. 1984, Huddersfield, UK

Lives and works: Poplar, East London, UK

Medium: Reclaimed denim, textile, installation

[Website](#)

### Selected Exhibitions

Ian Berry's work has been exhibited all over the world, with notable exhibitions including *Material World* at Textile Museum of Sweden, *Textile Art Redefined* at Saatchi Gallery and *Who's Wearing the Pants?* at Weltmuseum Wien. His work has also been shown at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam and Museo Reina Sofía.

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| 2026   | Enter Art Fair, Galleri Duerr, Copenhagen, Denmark<br><i>Textile Art Redefined</i> , 10.04-10.08.2026, curated by Helen Adams, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2025-6 | <i>Who's Wearing the Pants?</i> Weltmuseum Wien, Vienna, Austria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2025   | <i>The Secrets are in the Garden</i> , Millet Kütüphanesi, Ankara, Turkey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2024-5 | <i>Beyond Denim</i> , Kalyon Kültür Museum, Istanbul, Turkey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2024   | <i>Secret Garden</i> , The Garden Museum, London, UK<br>Berry's <i>Secret Garden</i> was presented at The Garden Museum, London, in summer 2024. The installation subsequently developed through further iterations, including <i>The Secrets are in the Garden</i> in Ankara in 2024-5.                                                                             |
| 2023   | <i>Art Materialism</i> Catto Gallery, London, UK<br><i>Denim Legends</i> , Levi Strauss Museum, Germany<br><i>The Greatest Story Ever Worn</i> , Levi's 150, Paris, Milan, Madrid<br><i>Interni</i> , Design Week Milan, Italy<br><i>Inmortal Levis</i> , Metro, Santiago, Chile<br>Stage set design, Ja Rule and Musiq Soulchild, Sony Hall, New York City, NY, USA |
| 2022   | <i>Kult. Kommerz. Kunst</i> , Museumsquartier Osnabrück, Germany<br><i>Secret Garden</i> installation, Festival Desierto Sonoro, Iquique, Chile<br><i>Levi's Inmortal</i> , Lolapoloosa, Chile                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2021   | <i>Material World</i> , Textil Museet, the National Textile Museum of Sweden, Borås, SE<br><i>Art in Denim</i> , Levi Strauss Museum, Germany,<br><i>Garibaldi Portrait</i> , Genova Jeans, Italy                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2020   | <i>Splendid Isolation</i> , Museum Rijswijk, Holland<br>Spielzeug Welten Museum, Basel, Switzerland<br>London Art Fair - Catto Gallery, London, UK<br>#iclapfor - worldwide<br>Pin Your Thanks                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2019   | <i>Hotel California</i> , Catto Gallery, London, UK<br>London Art Fair - Catto Gallery, London, UK<br>Selfridges, London, UK<br><i>Secret Garden</i> installation, Goldsmiths, London, UK                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2018   | <i>Soho Records</i> , Smallest Gallery in Soho, London, UK<br>Scope Art Basel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2018   | <i>Secret Garden</i> installation, San Francisco Flower Mart, California, USA<br>Labastide Artist in Residence - Jardin Secret, France<br>Artist in Residence, Paducah, Kentucky, USA                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2017   | <i>Secret Garden</i> , Children's Museum of the Arts (CMA) New York, USA<br>Scope Art, Basel, Switzerland<br>Pepe Jeans, Installation, Regent Street Flagship, London, UK                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2016   | <i>Behind Closed Doors</i> and <i>My Beautiful Launderette</i> , Catto Gallery, London, UK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2015   | Adplog, Turin, Italy<br>Ayrton Senna Sempre, Rio, Brazil - worldwide tour                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| 2014 | ArtMRKT, San Francisco, USA<br>District 1973, Ray Ban, New York<br><i>Denim Days</i> Amsterdam<br>Ayrton Senna Sempre, Sao Paulo, Brazil                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2013 | Catto Gallery, London, UK<br>Motala Konsthall, Motala, Sweden<br><i>The Illustrated Recipe</i> , Brighton Festival, Brighton UK<br><i>Hard Time Mini Mall</i> , White Walls Gallery, San Francisco, USA<br>Art Hamptons, New York State, USA<br>Breeze Block, Portland, USA<br>ArtMRKT, San Francisco, USA<br>Hans Alf Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark |
| 2012 | Catto Gallery, London, UK<br>Galaria Dos Prazeres, Calheta, Madeira, Portugal<br>Scope Art Fair, Miami, USA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2011 | Galleri Gamla Staden, Landskrona, Sweden<br>Jäger & Jansson, Lund, Sweden<br>Lonarte, Madeira, Portugal<br>Parlor Gallery, Asbury Park, New Jersey, USA<br>The Shop Gallery, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA                                                                                                                                            |
| 2010 | Galleri Gamla Staden, Landskrona, Sweden<br>Disney 50th Animated Film - SF Bio, Malmo, Sweden                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Selected Recent Exhibitions**

Textile Art Redefined at Saatchi Gallery in London presented Berry alongside 14 international textile artists. His *Secret Garden* installation was one of the exhibition highlights and was constructed entirely from recycled denim. The exhibition ran from 10 April to 10 May 2026 and was curated by Helen Adams.

Berry's *Secret Garden* was presented at The Garden Museum, London, in summer 2024. The installation subsequently developed through further iterations, including *The Secrets are in the Garden* in Ankara in 2025.

In 2023, Berry's work formed part of Levi's 150th-anniversary celebrations, with a major denim work presented in Paris, Milan and Madrid. His *Denim Legends* series, comprising portraits of 33 figures associated with the history and culture of jeans, was exhibited at the Levi Strauss Museum in Germany.

**Selected Public Projects**

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| 2023 | Levi's 150th Anniversary – large-scale denim work presented in Paris, Milan and Madrid                                                                               |
| 2022 | <i>Secret Garden</i> , Festival Desierto Sonoro, Iquique, Chile<br>Portrait commissions for Chilean artists Jorge González, Ana Tijoux and Roberto Márquez de Illapu |
| 2021 | <i>Garibaldi in Jeans</i> , commissioned by the City of Genoa, Italy                                                                                                 |
| 2019 | Permanent <i>Secret Garden</i> installation, San Francisco Flower Mart, San Francisco, USA                                                                           |
| 2018 | San Francisco Flower Mart installation, USA                                                                                                                          |
| 2017 | <i>Secret Garden</i> , Children's Museum of the Arts, New York, USA                                                                                                  |

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**Selected Installations**

*Secret Garden*, *My Beautiful Launderette*, *The Fading Fabric*, *Surveillance*, *Zodiac Compatibility*, *Newsstand*, *Living Room*, *Record Store*, *Clapping*

**Selected Commissions & Portraits**

Ian Berry has undertaken commissioned portraits and large-scale works for international cultural and commercial partners, including:

Debbie Harry  
Giorgio Armani  
Renzo Rosso  
Lapo Elkann

Gisele Bündchen  
Ayrton Senna family  
Michael Schumacher  
Garibaldi / City of Genoa  
Jorge González  
Ana Tijoux  
Roberto Márquez de Illapu  
Levi Strauss / Levi Strauss Museum, Buttenheim, Germany  
*Denim Legends* series

In 2022, Berry created a commissioned portrait of Levi Strauss for the Levi Strauss Museum in Buttenheim. The work was subsequently acquired by the museum for its permanent collection.

### Awards & Recognitions

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| 2023 | Named among the <i>We Are Top 100 influential people</i> in the denim industry.                                     |
| 2022 | Founding member of <i>Art Materialism</i> , a movement of artists whose practices are centred on a single material. |
| 2019 | Recognised as one of the 50 most influential people in the denim industry.                                          |
| 2013 | Named among Art Business News' <i>30 Under 30</i> influential artists.                                              |

### Publications / Books

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| late 2026 | Yomiuri Quilt Time, Japan<br>Alipore Post                                                                                       |
| 2025      | <i>Textile Fine Art: Conversations with Artists Working by Hand</i> , Helen Adams<br><i>Creative Extreme</i>   frechverlag GmbH |
| 2023      | <i>Stitched Journeys with Birds</i> , Martha Sielman                                                                            |
| 2020      | <i>Ian Berry   Splendid Isolation</i> , Jap Sam Books                                                                           |
| 2018      | <i>Ian Berry   Denim on Denim</i><br><i>Textile Landscape: Painting with Cloth in Mixed Media</i> , Cas Holmes                  |

### Collections

Berry's work is included in the collection of Centre Pompidou as well as in private and institutional collections internationally. Publicly documented institutional holdings and presentations include the Levi Strauss Museum, Buttenheim, Germany.

### Press / [Link to selected Press](#)

Ian Berry has been interviewed, filmed and featured in magazines, newspapers, TV shows and online publications around the world, all drawn to his unique technique and innovative approach to art.

### Television & Media / [Link to selected TV interviews](#)

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| 2021 | Omroep West   Splendid Isolation   Holland<br>MBC in a Week - MBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2020 | RTL LIFE   GERMANY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2019 | 60 Seconds Docs   USA<br>BBC London   UK<br>BBC Arabic   Worldwide<br>Euromaxx   DW   Worldwide<br>DW   Arte com jeans: vida nova aos trapos velhos (Portuguese)<br>Mutha   Is Art The Answer To Denim Waste?   FutureProof<br>Euromaxx   Alte Hosen - neu interpretiert   (German) |
| 2018 | WPSD 6   USA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2017 | France Télévisions   Alsace 3<br>TLVA   France (French)<br>Al Jazeera   AJ+   World (Arabic)<br>Al Arabiya   Pan Arab (Arabic)                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2016 | BBC World   World<br>BBC London   UK<br>RTL Boulevard   Holland (Dutch)                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2015 | Wheelspin   Malta                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| 2014 | BBC4   UK                                 |
|      | Sky Sports News   UK                      |
|      | SKY TG24   Italy (Italian)                |
| 2013 | BBC Newsround   CBBC   UK                 |
|      | BBC London   BBC   UK                     |
|      | Euromaxx   DW TV   Germany/Int            |
|      | BBC WORLD   BBC   World                   |
|      | Eén - VRT   Belgium (Flemish)             |
|      | National Geographic   Brazil (Portuguese) |
|      | 24 Corren   Sweden (Swedish)              |
|      | BBC Breakfast   UK                        |
|      | ITV London   UK                           |
| 2012 | RTP Arte   Portugal (Portuguese)          |
|      | Nyhetsmorgon TV4   Sweden (Swedish)       |

**Website** [Ian Berry Art in Denim](#)

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