
Oriel Gelf **Glynn Vivian Art Gallery**

Laura Ford
Beast

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Laura Ford's work often combines humour, melancholy and darkness. These elements are built up in layers of material, found objects and cultural reference applied around a core object, usually a figure.

Beast is the first in a series of work made for Somewhere Else: Artists in Wales at the Venice Biennale of Art 2005. This group of work explored issues of national identity and gave rise to darker thoughts of hostages and prisoners in postures of humiliation and defeat.

Beast, an emasculated lion figure, engages our emotions to respond to questions of suffering and loss, and the effects of force and disempowerment.