



Nancy Fouts

FAGS, BIRDS AND A COUPLE OF GUNS

A Retrospective of the Weird and Wonderful



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Hang-Up Gallery is pleased to present ‘Fags, Birds and a Couple of Guns’, a retrospective dedicated to the extraordinary work of Nancy Fouts.

American-born artist Nancy Fouts, who passed away in April 2019, is best known for her distinctive sculptural works, which reconfigure commonplace objects and materials with a subversive and playful humour. Nancy’s work brings together these seemingly disconnected items, religious artefacts, creatures and symbols to create bizarre juxtapositions of the everyday, wickedly funny taxidermy sculptures, and even giving Old Master paintings a surreal twist.

Nancy’s admirers include **Banksy**, **Gavin Turk** and **Sir Peter Blake**. Curator James Putnam, who worked closely with the artist, commented, *“Her deliciously infectious smile and dry wit made her a magnet for artists and curators of all ages, coupled with her talent for throwing unforgettable parties at her art-filled Camden house.”*

Working closely with the artists’ estate, the Hang-Up retrospective will feature work spanning several decades, including some of her best loved sculptures and framed works alongside unseen pieces from her converted vicarage home and studio space in Camden.

Cathryn Wright, Executor of Nancy’s estate comments, *“Nancy’s retrospective ‘Fags, Birds and a Couple of Guns’ brings together a fabulous collection of her artworks from past to present to make what is sure to be a suitably weird and eclectic exhibition. This will be the first major show of her works since her death last year and we are delighted to be working with Hang-Up Gallery for what will certainly be a fitting tribute to an extraordinary woman.”*

‘Fags, Birds and a Couple of Guns’ is the inaugural exhibition at Hang-Up’s striking new space on the Regent’s Canal, Hoxton.



Nancy Fouts

Good Luck Bird
SOLD

2016
Taxidermy bird, metal horseshoe, domed frame
23 x 19 x 3 cm (framed)
Original
Sold framed



Nancy Fouts

Red Riding Hood
SOLD

2011
C-Type print on paper
22 x 16 x 2 cm
Unique
Sold framed



Nancy Fouts

Bird Trap
SOLD

2010
Taxidermy bird, mouse trap
29 x 23 x 5 cm
Original



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Ducklings in Glass Dome
SOLD

2015
Taxidermy ducklings, glass dome
23 x 17 cm
Original



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Jesus Crutches
SOLD

2015
Underarm wooden crutches, resin cast
122 x 22 cm (each)
Unique



Detail of 'Jesus Crutches'



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Madonna with Safeways Bags
SOLD

2011
Plaster cast Madonna, acrylic paint, glaze
34 x 13 x 9 cm
Unique



Nancy Fouts

Wine Time
SOLD

2012
Hour glass stand, wine glass, sand
25 x 12 cm
Unique



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Mouse in Light Bulb
SOLD

2010
Taxidermy mouse, mixed media
15 x 6 cm (bulb size)
Original



Detail of 'Mouse in Light Bulb'



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Kubrick's Camera
£3,000

2016
Stanley Kubrick's camera, kinetic
24 x 15 x 20 cm
Original



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Bird in Fan
£3,000

2010
Taxidermy bird, electric fan
44 x 35 x 20 cm
Original



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Game Board with Mask
£3,000

2012
Collected ephemera, game board
44 x 44 cm (framed)
Original
Sold framed



Nancy Fouts

Game Board with Crest
£3,000

2012
Collected ephemera, game board
44 x 44 cm (framed)
Original
Sold framed



Detail of 'Game Board with Crest'



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Wee Monarch
SOLD

2012
Oil on canvas, resin antlers
53 x 38 cm
Original



Nancy Fouts

Life Saver 1
SOLD

2014
Skeleton, foam/fabric life saver, rope, paint
92 x 58 x 15 cm
Unique



Nancy Fouts

Hanging Jesus
SOLD

2012
Oil on canvas, wire and twine
48 x 34 cm (framed)
Unique
Sold framed



Nancy Fouts

Ecce Homo
SOLD

2011
Oil painting on canvas, wire and twine
84 x 74 cm (framed)
Original
Sold framed



Nancy Fouts

War

£4,000

2014

Model skeletons, oil paint, canvas and wood stretcher

80 x 41 x 14 cm

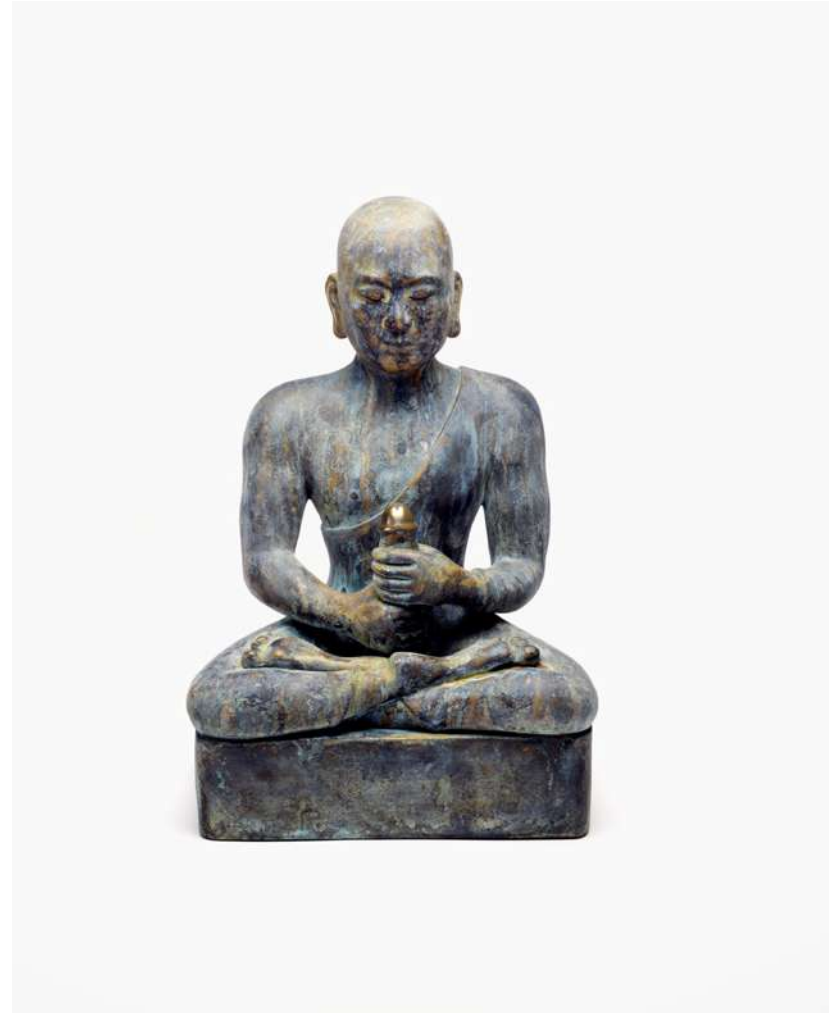
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Spirit Level Crucifix
£4,000

2012
Brass spirit levels on oak
82 x 52 x 3 cm
Unique



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Buddah
£4,000

2011
Bronze cast
43 x 27 x 19 cm
Original



Nancy Fouts

Lovebird with Grenade
SOLD

2012
Taxidermy lovebird, cast resin hand grenade
27 x 24 cm
Unique within an edition of 10



Detail of 'Lovebird with Grenade'



Nancy Fouts
Jesus Dice Cross
SOLD

2010
Dice, resin cast Jesus
61 x 25 x 18 cm
Unique



Detail of 'Jesus Dice Cross'



Nancy Fouts

Pigeon with Bread
SOLD

2014
Taxidermy pigeon, bread slice
27 x 20 cm
Original



Photo by David Gill

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Black Stork with Fallen Feathers
£5,000

2012
Taxidermy stork
70 x 40 cm
Unique
Please note that the necklace is not included



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Sewing Machine Record Player
SOLD

2011
Singer sewing machine, vinyl record player
34 x 50 x 22 cm
Original



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A Child (after, Rubens)

SOLD

2012
Oil on canvas, glasses
62 x 50 cm (framed)
Original
Sold framed



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The Clock

£6,000

2012
Oil on canvas, mechanised clock
79 x 69 cm (framed)
Original
Sold framed



Nancy Fouts

A Still Life
SOLD

2011
Oil on board, taxidermy bees, wasps, ladybirds and butterflies
79 x 69 x 6 cm (framed)
Original
Sold framed



Detail of 'A Still Life'



Nancy Fouts

Ducklings in Glass Dome (Large)
£6,000

2015
Taxidermy ducklings, glass dome.
52 x 25 cm
Original



Detail of 'Ducklings in Glass Dome (Large)'



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M16 Figures
£6,500

2016
Figures cast in mold of a decommissioned M16, gold metallic paint
36 x 103 x 10 cm
Original



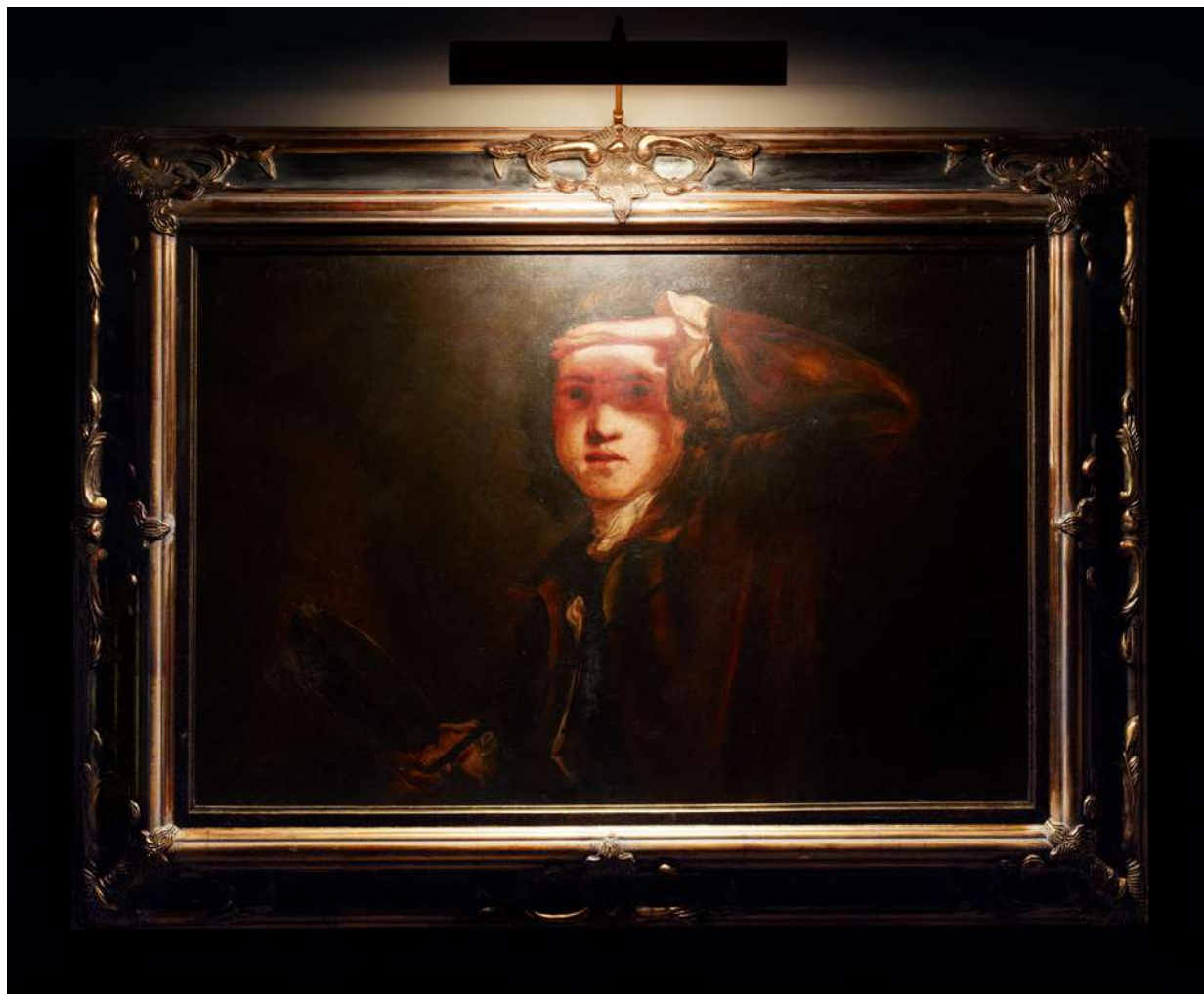
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M16 Bones
SOLD

2016
Bones cast in mold of a decommissioned M16, gold metallic paint
36 x 103 x 10 cm
Original



Detail of 'M16 - Bones'



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Blinded by the Light (after Joshua Reynolds)

SOLD

2011
Mixed media on canvas, light
88 x 118 x 7 cm (framed)
Original
Sold framed

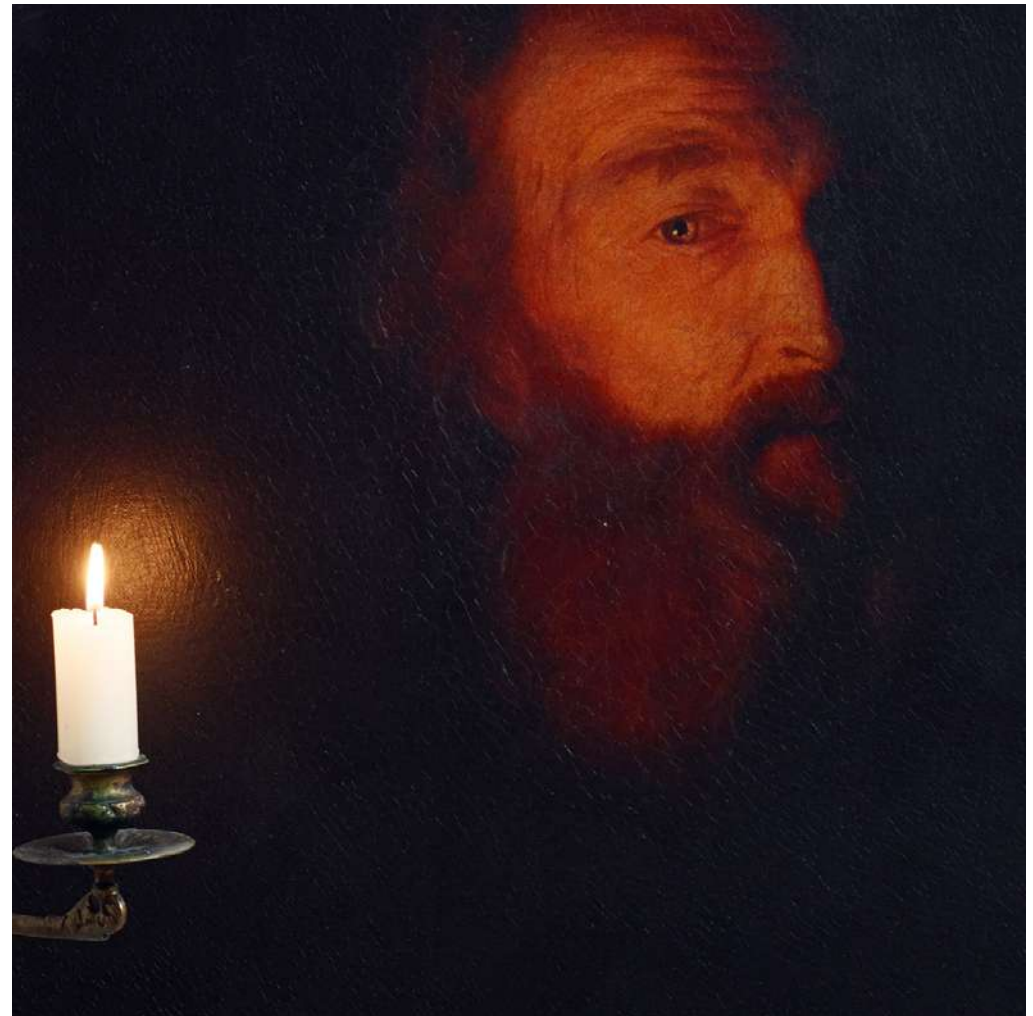


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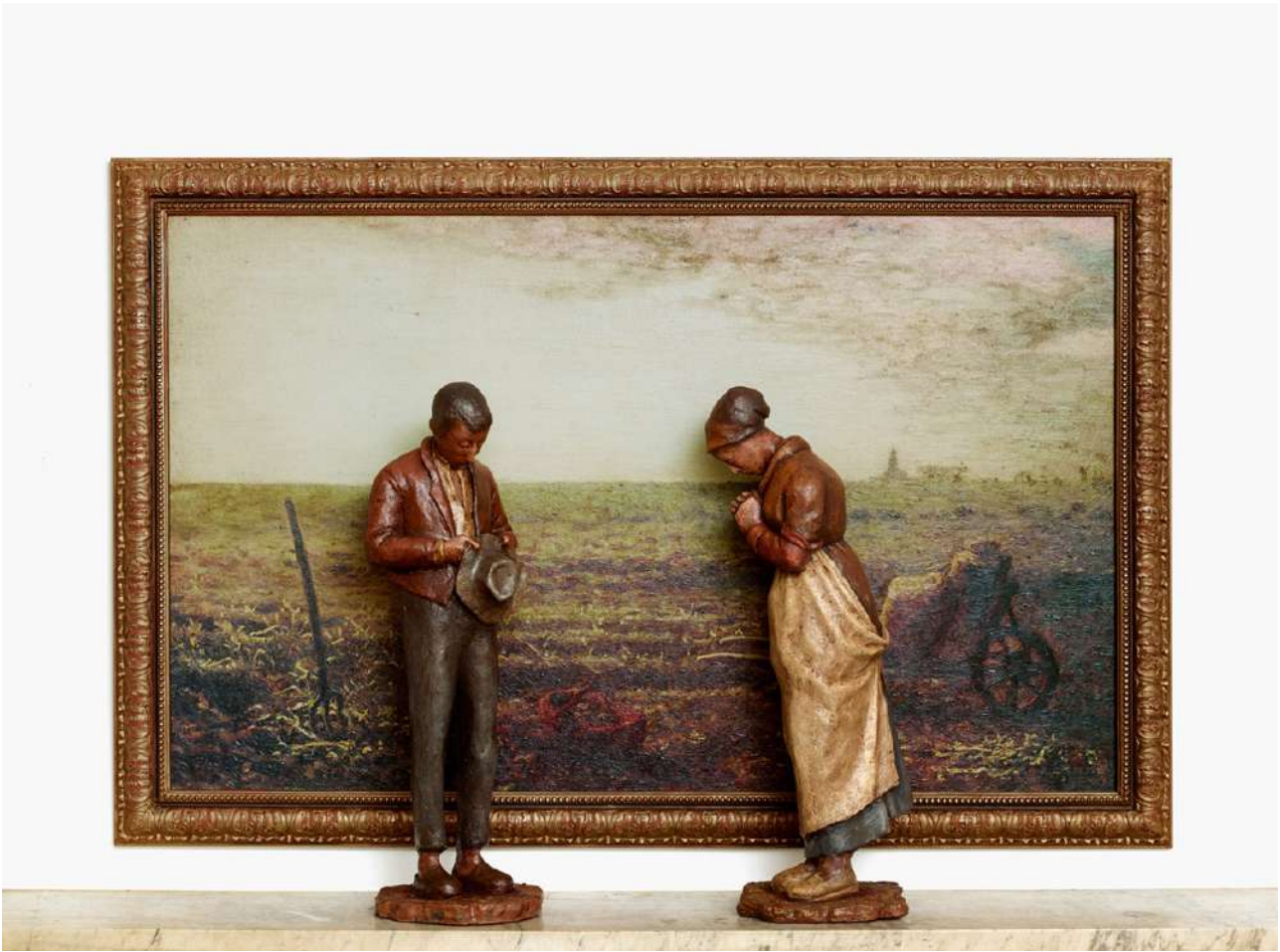
Man with Candle (after Godfried Schalcken)

SOLD

2013
Acrylic and oil on canvas, candle holder, candle
80 x 74 x 4 cm (framed)
Original
Sold framed



Detail of 'Man with Candle (after Godfried Schalcken)'



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The Angelus (after Millet)
£8,000

2014
Acrylic and oil on canvas, crystal plaster figures
71 x 109 cm (painting); 53 x 15 cm (figures)
Original



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Exit Jesus
POA

2014
Photography in Light box
25 x 40 x 10 cm
Edition of 5



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Peacock War Bonnet
POA

2017
Taxidermy peacock, beads, leather, goose feathers
85 x 94 x 53 cm (stand size: 108 x 30 cm)
Original



Detail of 'Peacock War Bonnet'



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Artefact Board #1
POA

2010
Religious ephemera, nails, wooden frame
153 x 134 x 3 cm
Original



Nancy Fouts

Artefact Board #2
POA

2010
Religious ephemera, nails, wooden frame
153 x 134 x 3 cm
Original



Nancy Fouts

Artefact Board #3
POA

2010
Religious ephemera, nails, wooden frame
153 x 134 x 3 cm
Original



Nancy Fouts

Artefact Board #4
POA

2010
Religious ephemera, nails, wooden frame
153 x 134 x 3 cm
Original



Nancy Fouts

Tojan Donkey
POA

2010
Sculpted reinforced polystyrene foam donkey, cast resin figures, cellulose gold spray paint
220 x 200 x 60 cm
Original



Detail of 'Trojan Donkey'



“Wrong Is Nice”

American-born artist Nancy Fouts (1945-2019) graduated from Chelsea School of Art in the 60s, then attended the Royal College of Art, whilst painting shop fronts on Carnaby Street, for the likes of Lord Kitchener's Valet.

In 1968 she co-founded the pioneering design and model making company Shirt Sleeve Studio, and won the Designers and Art Directors Associations Gold Award for Most Outstanding Artwork in 1973.

She created seminal ad campaigns for Silk Cut, British Airways, and Virgin, and designed album covers for bands including Manfred Mann, and Steeleye Span. The record sleeve for Steeleye Span 'Commoners Crown', won the 1976 award for Best Designed British Album Sleeve.

She directed an artist run gallery in London which opened in 1989 and went on to exhibit in London, Venice, Denmark and Brussels.



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