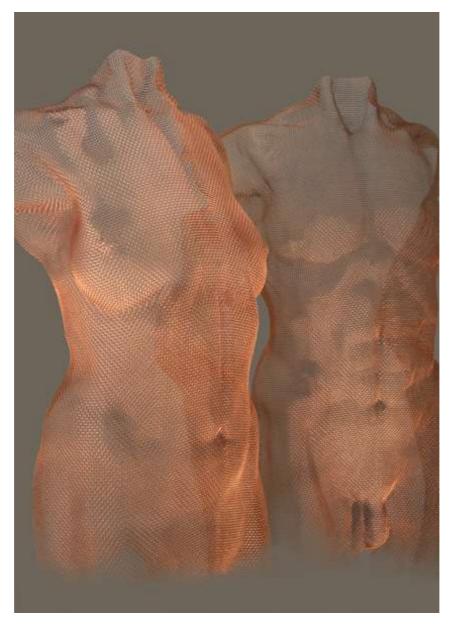
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## "Thin Air"



An Exhibition of Recent Works David Begbie ARBS PRESENTED BY GALLERY DIFFERENT

at

The Air Gallery, 32 Dover Street, London W1S 4NE

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Over a career spanning 30 years David Begbie ARBS has become world renowned for his innovative and ever evolving steelmesh sculpture. "Thin Air" is an exhibition which features the most recent works expressing his profound interest in human anatomy and the way people express themselves through body language, acknowledging in his sculpture that each torso has a unique "personality". Other than a truly surprising transformation of a seemingly inert material into fabulous configuration, it is his use of strategic lighting to create composition between a sculpture and it's projected shadow which creates an art-form for the 21st Century.

Begbie's figures resonate with the sculpture of antiquity, but his art is certainly of its time. His sculptures reflect a current preoccupation with the ideal body and his use of industrial material makes them distinctly contemporary. His work is full of contradictions so they are endlessly fascinating; exaggerated muscles suggest density and power, yet they are transparent and delicate; they are charged with energy yet motionless; although made of steel and bronze, their anatomical realism creates the illusion of sensuous flesh.

He is a herald of modern sculpture, and the demand for his work from private collector, corporate collector and major museums inspire David's continued fascination with the human form, striving to capture the very essence of the body's composition, depth and structure, through his contemporary archetypes

The exhibition featuring unique steelmesh sculpture, limited edition sculpture in steel panel, original drawings and limited edition prints will run from 9<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August at the prestigious Air Gallery in Dover Street. Close to the Ritz and Royal Academy and just a short walk from Green Park Underground Station, this presents a rare opportunity to view and purchase this new work at a central London location before it travels to international exhibitions in the autumn.

Begbie's work can be viewed online at **www.davidbegbie.com** For further information, articles, features and interviews **please contact**; **Karina Phillips or James Hardy**