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David Theobald
Deepest Sympathy
18 July – 2 September 2012
Tower Room

Ikon presents *Deepest Sympathy* (2011), a digital animation by British video artist David Theobald.

Through this short video, a biography is conveyed through the medium of greetings cards. Beginning at birth, they mark all of life's loves, successes and tragedies: childhood birthdays, exam passes, career development, marriage, birth, divorce, retirement and death. In so doing, one person's story is catered for as a set of pre-packaged events and standardised sentiments available for purchase.

David Theobald is a video artist born in Worthing in 1965. Although originally trained as a chemical engineer, he pursued a career in finance for fifteen years, living both in New York and London. Ten years ago he decided to change profession and dedicate himself to becoming a full-time artist. Most recently, his main works have been animations structured from photographs, scanned images or single frames extracted from video footage, blending these together to create a familiar yet alien environment. These may be structured as conventional films or as continuous loops with no discernible beginning or end.

Deepest Sympathy can also be viewed at <http://vimeo.com/19603500>

Ends.

Note to Editors:

1. Press Preview on Tuesday 17 July 11am-6pm followed by private view, 6-8pm. Contact Helen Stallard if you would like to attend.
2. A selection of images is at the bottom of this press release.
3. Ikon is open Tuesday – Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays, 11am - 6pm. Admission is free.
4. Ikon Gallery is a registered charity and receives core funding from Arts Council England and Birmingham City Council. Ikon Gallery Limited trading as Ikon. Registered address: 1 Oozells Square, Birmingham B1 2HS.

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