



**PEACE**<sup>™</sup>  
IN 10,000  
**HANDS**

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## LAUNCH COLLECTION

8 May - 12 June 2014

# ARTIST'S PROFILE

## Stuart Robertson

Born 1969, Auckland, New Zealand

Photographic artist Stuart Robertson is the creator of Peace in 10,000 Hands, a global art project to challenge and reinvigorate the conversation for peace.

“A single white rose held in the hands of 10,000 people from every country and every walk of life. It is a concept that speaks profoundly to our similarities in the human condition and explores the essence of peace.”

The obsessive and prolific nature of Peace in 10,000 Hands probes into the heart of our individual belief system about peace and quietly sets adrift a deep question about the human experience.

“It’s an aesthetic provocation to question mankind’s general resignation about peace”

The scale of the project has started to generate a global conversation illustrating that, despite mankind’s differences, we share a universal desire to hold peace in our hands for the next generation.

“As an artist I am exploring our similarities through art, and drawing on the phenomenal power of modern social networks and instant borderless communication that dissolves prejudice and makes mankind more connected than at any other time in history”.

The body of work and final exhibition is set to become a provocative and insightful exploration into the very meaning of life.

Stu Robertson’s artistic practice has developed and been refined over 20 years and, in the past 18 months ,his photographic work has gained momentum internationally.

Robertson’s passion for seeing the world through an alternate view runs deep. His grandfathers were both prolific photographers with their own darkrooms, and their love for the medium underpins the artist’s own obsession.

The Global Launch Collection is a selection of 50 of the most iconic pieces from the Peace in 10,000 Hands journey so far.



### Ricky Gervais

It is the day of the LA Marathon. LA is in lock down and cut in half as the runners are going from Dodgers Stadium to the Coast essentially all the way along Santa Monica Blvd, under the 405. If you look at a map it is a suicide move to drive anywhere on this day. So..... Ricky confirms the morning of the LA Marathon to photograph him in his suite at the Beverly Hilton, right on the route. I made it. Ricky is hilarious and generous. "Peace is worth fighting for"

900mm x 900mm Giclee archival print  
ACM box mount  
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### Hans Zimmer

A tender moment from an Academy Award winning composer, as he rested his arm on the piano and composed an incredibly moving piece of music he improvised for the white rose and for peace. He was in a trance for what seemed like hours as he rocked back and forth cradling the rose in his other hand.  
"My ambition has always been to create peace, but peace which is exciting and interesting and not to have the word misheard as being something where we are all going to be shallowly getting along"

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### Sly Vicious

Gang Member. "Peace means fucking nothing to me" Los Angeles

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### Bound

Thar Desert, Rajasthan India. Miles and miles of dry dusty roads, our lady in blue works the land, hard labour, dressed as beautifully as this everyday.

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### Wisdom of the Harakeke

"I believe in another beginning. Time, things don't happen quick, you move with caution because if you rush across the ground you're liable to stub your toe on a rock. When you pick a flower you make sure its not going to fall apart as soon as you pick it". Whero o Te Rangi, Kuia, Parihaka, Taranaki, New Zealand

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### Jamie Lee Curtis

Funny, friendly, intelligent, lover of life, her family, Leica and so much more. Most don't know her accomplishments as a writer, they are significant. She laughs a lot and you can see that in her face, she was so much fun to photograph.

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### We Love Too Slow

Soho, London, late afternoon, wandering, we find the courageous and outrageous Anne. Turned out perfectly with sass to match the style. "Love and Respect"

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### Venice Girl

Airika was embarrassed as she had never been photographed in her life and felt her beauty was not worthy of an image, but when the moment struck, she struck the pose, owned the moment and shed a small tear that someone had stopped to talk to her. "Peace means to be satisfied with what you already have."

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### London Blue

I'm in Brick Lane, London, a plethora of outrageously and dressed characters, Siobhan stands out as she dashes along the street with her bright blue hair, her matching blue clothes. She's a Kiwi performance artist living in London.  
"peace means freedom"

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### Hurricane

Seven days with no power, no hot water, Hurricane Sandy had devastated New York in October 2012, there was no time for fixing nails and she was so embarrassed, but her hands and this image captured the rawness and emotion of the plight of the city.

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Life of Ashes

Wandering the streets of Varanasi is a step back in time. It is one of the most ancient living holy cities on the planet. Right on the banks of the Mata Ganga thousands of people come here every year to die and be cremated. As one of the thousands, this widow survives from begging on the streets until she can join her recently deceased and cremated husband. “Every day I wait here for peace to come”

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Popcorn Man

Nestled in the foothills of the Himalaya s, the town of Rishikesh sits either side of the mouth of the river Ganges. The waters are ice cold. Cows, monks, sadhus and people seeking enlightenment wander happily, freely, the streets are only just wide enough for foot traffic and the occasional motorbike. Stall holders sell everything from homemade lemonade, jewellery and clothing; yoga music and incense fills the air. Sukhari makes huge wok pans full of popcorn over an open fire to sell to passers by.

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Black Gloss ACM Mount  
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Khan

The Khan family of stone masons who live in little huts in the middle of the Thar Desert in Rajasthan India. The women of the family all covered their faces and looked on from afar when I turned up with the rose asking to photograph them and talk of peace.

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Two Down

Officer, Varanasi, India, keeping the peace.

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Sadhu

These holy men give up all material and worldly possessions to commit every part of their being to following a spiritual path of enlightenment. They possess one blanket and one stainless steel pot to make tea or heat food that is given to them. They ‘dress’ themselves in white ash everyday. They don’t like their photograph being taken and are known to become irate and sometimes violent when asked, but I risked it and he graciously held the rose for me. When we finished he stood up, popped the rose in the very top of his top notch and walked off into the river for a wash. After some negotiating he returned it gracefully to me.

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Hell Glam

Lucerne, Switzerland. Tattoo Artist and Model.

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The Haight

Naked men, women and their pets meander along the street in The Haight. A colourful, fun and confronting part of San Francisco. If you wear jeans and t shirt you stand out as normal. At over 6ft tall and strikingly beautiful, Alexia stood out. “Peace is Happiness”

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Tiki Taane

I’m fascinated by the tapestries and wallpaper of our lives that some of us engrave on our bodies. The stories of our lives. Tiki’s tattoos are beautiful and he graciously took his top off for me to strike this incredible pose holding peace in both hands.

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Demi Moore

“Peace to me means freedom, love, acceptance”

Actress, Mother, A human being, not a human doing.

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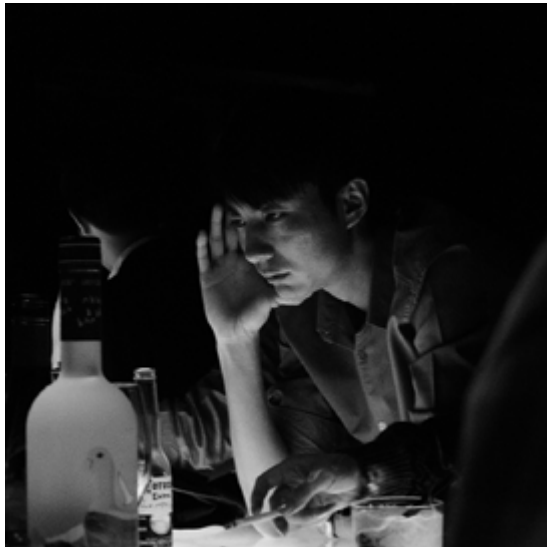
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Served

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Lovelorn

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Nine

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Doll Face

Rachel had two tattoos on her fingers. Vertically interlocking her fingers spelt man-eater. The horizontal fist was DOLL FACE. Crazy fun person and photo shoot in Hollywood, California. "Peace = Equality"

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Stay True

Simple, to the point, from a straight up guy who lived by these two words, we all should. "Do to others as you would have them do to you"  
Griffin, Venice Beach, Los Angeles

1000mm x 1000mm, Giclee archival print  
Blue Neon, Black Gloss ACM Box Mount  
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Love Life

"Love, Respect, Happiness for all"  
Believe in coincidences? I bumped into Jordon on three separate occasions in LA over three weeks in three completely different locations! His tattoo says it all, this picture was taken in Santa Monica.

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Sick Fuck

The hands of an LA Gang Member. Location and identification confidential to seller only. 187.

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Red Neon, Black Gloss ACM Box Mount  
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Trigger

Gang Member, Los Angeles

1500mm x 1000mm Lightbox,  
Giclee archival film on acrylic  
White ACM Box Mount  
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Gilbert

Venice Beach, Los Angeles, California

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Little One

The hope for peace is for her.

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Grant Bowler

This striking image is the culmination of a walk around Venice Beach on a hot so cal day, talking about peace, talking about home and living in LA as an actor. Grants passion for peace shows through the strength of his masculinity and the protection of a simple truth.

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