

THE PLEASURES AND SORROWS OF WORK

Texts by Alain de Botton
Photography by Richard Baker

14 APRIL - 05 SEPTEMBER 2010

ADMISSION FREE

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A special exhibition of photographs by Richard Baker with texts from Alain de Botton's *The Pleasures* and Sorrows of Work. An exploration of the joys and perils of the modern workplace, Alain de Botton's book beautifully evokes what people get up to all day — and night — to make the frenzied contemporary world function.

This exhibition juxtaposes texts from the book with Richard Baker's specially-commissioned images. From rocket science to biscuit manufacture, it illuminates art, nature and industry through the hidden world of the modern workplace.

Public Lectures

Pleasures and Sorrows: the Curator

Stephen Johnston offers a 'behind the scenes' view of the exhibition's curatorial work, from initial concept to final selection of images.

Tuesday 27 April, 7pm

Pleasures and Sorrows: the Photographer

Richard Baker was commissioned to create the images for Alain de Botton's book. He provides an insight into both his photographs and his working process with the author.

Tuesday 08 June, 7pm

Events

10/10 Work

A day of talks, trails, tours, music and film, all on the theme of 'work'. Saturday 04 September, 10am to 10pm

Gallery Tours

A guide to the special exhibition led by its curator, Stephen Johnston Saturdays, 2pm: 08 May, 19 June, 03 July, 28 August

Opening hours

Tuesday to Friday 12.00-Saturday 10.00-Sunday 14.00-Monday Classo

12.00-17.00 10.00-17.00 14.00-17.00 Closed

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