



THE ART OF SPORT

Kathryn Hanks explores how artists inspired by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games are creating a legacy that will be enjoyed by generations to come

Anyone travelling through Terminal 5 at Heathrow Airport this summer should consider adding a little extra time to their journey. Giving visitors an immediate taste of British sporting prowess and culture, the terminal's Expo Fine Art Gallery plays host to work by a number of talented artists, all of whom have been inspired by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Such an historic event has proved a powerful and evocative catalyst for those exhibiting, with some amazing displays of artistic achievement on show.

Take the work by Penny Crofts, for example. She uses thermal imaging techniques to capture a unique form of portraiture, a style that really comes to life when British Olympic gold medallist rower Mark Hunter is in the frame. It's an immediate representation of a powerhouse at work.