

## News release

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### **New art commission for Government Offices (GO East)**

#### **All Yesterday's and Today's by Mark Edwards**

**All Yesterday's and Today's** is a series of large scale photographs of the East of England by artist, Mark Edwards for the new, purpose built Government Offices for the east of England.

**Mark Edwards** has produced six 5ft x 4ft colour prints of Mersea Island in Essex, Sudbourne in Suffolk, Sandy in Bedfordshire, Haddiscom and Staithe in Norfolk, and Ely in Cambridgeshire.

Mark Edwards has said of his work:

'My work is concerned with identity, both individually and collectively, which is manifested in the spaces we inhabit.....My pictures, like the landscape I depict, are multilayered. They represent, in one sense, an internal enquiry where I explore my personal relationship with perception and reality. In a broader context they denote a more universal history where the relationship which exists between human beings and the landscape is embedded in its transient surface'.

Working with flat even light and using a large format plate camera, a large tripod, stepladder, bridges and natural embankments, Mark Edwards can spend up to an hour planning each photograph.

However, bringing together all the elements can take months of pre-planning, visiting and re-visiting sites, and waiting for the right seasonal conditions. This rigorous selection process results in images that are at once vast and intimate.

The new offices will be opened in April, 2003 and there is a building launch planned in June 2003.

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