



'20 Stages'

Images of the Tour De France 2012

By

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Background to the collection

- I've always drawn figures often dancers and musicians, looking for grace and line, but I've also been fascinated by speed. To try and draw something moving quickly is an enormous challenge. You need to see a subject regularly and over a period of time in order to develop a shorthand of lines or shapes that convey what you see. I have from time to time drawn from the television. Broadcasts and camera shots change quickly, putting you to the test. However, the perfect opportunity to develop drawing a subject at speed presented itself with this year's Tour de France. It's a sporting event that has fascinated me for some time. It's a great feat of endurance and discipline; will and determination. For the first time this year, I was in a position to follow the broadcasts every day and decided to try and draw each stage. I set up with several small sketchbooks. I used two cartridge ink pens and a watercolour travel box to add colour. While the cyclists pedaled, I drew and painted. To make myself stick to the daily drill, I published the better ones to a blog and it became a fantastic daily ritual - great practice. Of course, what I had no idea about and no-one could foresee when I started, was that I happened to choose a very special Tour with success at long last for a British rider and his team. As the race progressed, I became more gripped by its story each day. It's been a wonderful project and a very emotional one. Vive Le Tour!
- Maxine Dodd July 2012

'20 Stages' The Exhibition Starts August 3rd

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Gallery and Cafe:- Opening hours Mon~Fri 10am~5pm, Sat 11am~3pm

Stage 3



Stage 5



Stage 11

stage 11 Albertville to La Toussaine - les Sybilles





Stage 12



Stage 14



Chris Froome



Chris Froome
drags himself
up to win