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Daniel Edwards - "Iraq War Memorial: Death of Prince Harry" Oct 11-14

**Unveiling: Thursday, October 11th, 1:00pm at the Trafalgar Hotel Room 118**

## PRINCE HARRY "DEAD" IN IRAQ WAR MEMORIAL The 'Brave At Heart' Honored with Royal Tribute in London

LONDON, England – A war-mutilated Prince Harry is the symbolic fallen hero in a memorial honoring those willing but unable to serve in the Iraq conflict. Harry, brother to Britain's future king, was poised to be the most celebrated soldier of the Coalition forces, but due to the "specific threats to kill or kidnap him," he was kept home. However, Prince Harry will be remembered for his intended tour of duty in a memorial to be unveiled at the Trafalgar Hotel October 11th courtesy of Bridge Art Fair.

"Iraq War Memorial featuring the Death of Prince Harry, the Martyr of Maysan Province" draws inspiration from Harry's willingness to sacrifice for his country, and the sympathy for his disappointment of an unfulfilled patriotic aspiration.

"This war memorial is dedicated to the brave at heart," said spokesman David Kesting. "But the brave men and women Prince Harry inspired to enlist for combat following his announcement to serve six months in Iraq are not forgotten."

The Memorial features Prince Harry laid out before the Union Jack with pennies placed over his eyes and head rested on the Bible. The statue suggests the tragic outcome of a confrontation in Iraq's Maysan Province with the Iranian weapons smugglers for whom Harry's tank regiment was scheduled to patrol. Prone with his unfired gun still holstered, Prince Harry is represented clutching a bloodied flag of Wales, and holding to his heart a cameo locket of his late mother, Princess Diana, while a desert vulture perches on his boot. Harry's head is earless, denoting the explicit threats against the Prince from militia leaders saying they planned to send him back to his grandmother "without his ears."

A bronze casting of Prince Harry's "severed ears" also set for display at the Trafalgar Hotel will be offered on eBay.

Harry had stated he would leave the army if he was left in safety while his regiment was sent to a war zone. "Prince Harry's spirit must have died the day they told him he couldn't serve," speculates New York artist Daniel Edwards. "That's what this memorial is about."

Like Paris's Victor Noir Memorial, security for the Prince Harry Memorial will guard against vandalism from expected throngs of admirers believing luck in love and fertility may come by kissing the lips of the memorial to England's reputed playboy "pinup prince."

The "Death of Prince Harry" follows the recent tenth anniversary remembrance Harry organized for his mother, who died tragically in Paris. On Princess Diana's coffin was a card from Harry, made out to Mummy. Visitors may place cards and flowers for Harry at the memorial or e-mail their condolences to [www.PrinceHarryMemorial.com](http://www.PrinceHarryMemorial.com).

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## Statue of a Dead Prince Harry Shocks Britain

### A New York-Based Artist Sculpted Harry as a Dead Soldier

By **BEN BARNIER**

**LONDON, Oct. 5, 2007 —**

"Tasteless."

That's what one London tabloid called a new piece of art. The statue of a dead Prince Harry is set to go on display at the Trafalgar Hotel in London, Oct. 11.

"It's a bit sick," said Phyl Foley of London. "I am not a big royalist, but for someone who is still alive I would not endorse it, particularly someone who is still young."

But U.S. artist Daniel Edwards said he was just honoring soldiers killed in Iraq.

The sculpture shows the 23-year-old prince laid out, head resting on a Bible and clutching a lock of his mother's hair, the late Princess Diana.

"Daniel is a very serious artist," said David Kesting, Edward's gallerist in New York. "We are here to engage our society in a discussion about Iraq," said Kesting. "There are a lot of people who died in Iraq, on the states' side, from Britain, and Iraqis."

"We have to raise awareness about what is actually happening there, and the shocking value of these deaths."

Harry publicly expressed interest in serving in Iraq after he graduated from the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst. The Ministry of Defense, however, decided that Harry was a risk and did not send him.

"I have decided today that Prince Harry will not deploy as a troop leader with his squadron," Gen. Sir Richard Dannatt, British army chief of staff, told reporters at the time. "There have been a number of specific threats, some reported, some not reported, which relate directly to Prince Harry as an individual."

The statue depicts Harry without ears, as insurgents threatened to kidnap him and send him back to his grandmother without his ears. The statue's severed ears will be sold on eBay, according to [www.princeharrymemorial.com](http://www.princeharrymemorial.com), a Web site that also features pictures of the statue's mold.

The prince's spokespeople refused to comment.

On the streets of London, many of the people ABC News spoke to said they did not particularly like Prince Harry, especially after the media showed pictures of him wearing a swastika, but most were shocked by the idea of the statue.

"It's a bit morbid to have a dead statue of someone who is not dead," said Gordon Bennell, 26. "If I were Harry, I would be freaked out!"

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Williams Remes, 31, said he found the statue "pretty outrageous," but hopes it will send a political message "on the number of troops who died in Iraq, as opposed to the people who cannot serve in Iraq."

"The point is that we got loads of people dying there," said Remes.

"War is quite outrageous ¶ that's the whole point," said Edwards.

Edwards said that he was sympathetic to Prince Harry's desire to serve in Iraq and that he chose the red-headed royal because he is "the most well-known potential soldier for the Iraq War."

When Harry heard he was not going, said Edwards, "I felt relieved for him. It would have been a stressful situation."

Edwards said he hoped Prince Harry will understand that "this piece was made with respect to him, but we speak a different language."

Comments on this article of reference:

I think this is an incredibly creative and brave work of art. It portrays a reality of war in a unique way. The choice of subject is nothing personal, just a very recognizable face. I think it causes the viewer to imagine other familiar faces and face a frightening possibility. And for those who say no one would want a statue of themselves like this...I most certainly would. It would be great for Halloween.

Posted by:

[pyrite013](#)

Let us not forget that "art" is created to invoke thought and emotion in the people who view it. This is a piece that obviously makes a very strong statement about war. I think it is needed as many of us have become so accustomed to seeing picture of REAL people that are killed or maimed that we chose to stop thinking about the impact of war on our soldiers and their families. The artist chose one of "Diana's boys" (a woman who is near sainthood in this country and the UK) to put some emotion back into the idea that people we know do die in war. REAL people, not statues. For all those that post how tasteful and disgraceful this statue is, could it be that you really see war this way and his statue of someone you know of killed touches that emotion? If so, then maybe this is a good piece of art - after all. it is just bronze and not flesh...

Posted by:

[Fatmat50](#)

The artist portrayed Harry as a dead soldier because this is what we "value" in society. The act of giving your life to an idea, person, place, religion, country-what have you. We ALL give our life away to something- to help, to infuriate, to change, to learn. What gives anybody the right to judge. Judgment is fear of ones self and fear of the unknown-which is basically everything. The artist was trying to say that even a person who is "high up" on the food chain can't even change this ridiculous war. We have lost sight of what really matters....love. When you love life-life loves you right back. Forgive yourself and forgive those who have done you wrong.....that's it.....that's all.

Posted by:

[equanimity2007](#)

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# Post-Britney and Paris, controversial artist tackles Prince Harry

Last Updated: Friday, October 5, 2007 | 12:50 PM ET

### [CBC News](#)

A controversial New York artist will unveil a sculpture of Prince Harry as a dead soldier, laid out with a bouquet of roses posed in an army helmet at his feet, at a London art fair next week.

Daniel Edwards, the artist behind such headline-grabbing works as a sexy bust of U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and a nude sculpture of a pregnant Britney Spears, said his latest project came from news reports surrounding the prince's bid to be deployed to Iraq.

Edwards and Brooklyn gallery Capla Kesting Fine Art will unveil *Iraq War Memorial* as part of the Bridge Art Fair, which takes place Oct. 11-14 in London.

Edwards, who draws inspiration from stories in the news, said he began working on the Prince Harry sculpture in May, when Britain's top general announced the prince would not be deployed to Iraq, amid concerns for both his security and that of soldiers around him.

"The inspiration came from what he was willing to risk," Edwards said.

"Everybody knew that he would be a big target, but he was still determined to go fight, and so the sculpture more or less represents what he was willing to put on the line, and that's his life. It's an idea of bravery."

Past Edwards works have sparked controversy, including his piece depicting the decapitated head of baseball great Ted Williams and the "interactive" autopsy sculpture of hotel heiress Paris Hilton featuring removable organs.

Some have criticized the sculptor's pop culture and media-influenced works, but when asked if his latest piece was in poor taste, Edwards said he believed it was not, since the public has likely already imagined what could have happened to the prince in Iraq.

"Militia leaders were putting a bounty on him. It was a visual that everyone had in their head and the sculpture is a realization of that visual. I wouldn't call it any worse taste than the original content of that story."

Clarence House, from the office of Harry's father Prince Charles, had no comment about the new artwork.

*Iraq War Memorial* will be unveiled Oct. 11 at the Trafalgar Hotel in London.

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Monsters and Critics:

## 'Dead' Prince Harry A Tourist Attraction

'Iraq War Memorial: Death of Prince Harry' by US artist Daniel Edwards on display in London, Britain, 05 October 2007. The art piece depicts Britain's Prince Harry as a soldier who has been killed in Iraq, symbolizing the fallen hero in a memorial honoring those willing but unable to serve in the Iraq conflict. The sculpture will be unveiled at the Bridge Art Fair, an international exhibition, on 11 October.

By Stone Martindale Oct 5, 2007, 16:04 GMT

A sculpture of a dead Prince Harry in military uniform is going on show at a London hotel, intended to honor those willing but unable to serve in Iraq.

It shows the prince lying with his head on a Bible and a vulture at his feet.

American Artist Daniel Edwards tells the BBC: "Prince Harry's spirit must have died the day they told him he couldn't serve. That's what this memorial is about."

Clarence House declined to comment. The metal sculpture will be displayed at the Trafalgar Hotel from October 11.

In May the head of the British Army, General Sir Richard Dannatt, said the prince would not be sent to Iraq due to "unacceptable risks" and a "number of specific threats" against him.

Edwards said the sculpture, placed before a Union Jack, shows the prince holding a lock of his mother's hair.

The artist added that he intended to remove the ears from the sculpture, in reference to reports that militia leaders in Iraq said they planned to send him back to the Queen "without his ears."

The sculpture will be unveiled to open the four-day Bridge Art Fair being held at the hotel.

Sick work shows prince as Iraq victim

# STORM AS HARRY'S DEATH SOLD AS ART

by EMMA WALL

**FURY was mounting last night over a sick sculpture of Prince Harry dead in Iraq.**

The 23-year-old royal's body is laid out in front of a huge Union Jack.

It features Harry clutching a locket featuring his dead mum Princess Diana.

He is also holding a blood-stained flag of Wales, has pennies over his eyes and a vulture perched on his boots.

The Iraq War Memorial: Death of Prince Harry artwork will go on display in London next month.

It was created by controversial US artist Daniel Edwards, who has also carved an image of pop wrenk Britney Spears, 25, giving birth.

He claims it is intended to raise awareness about the war and is a tribute to the bravery of soldiers.

But grieving relatives and Army support groups have slammed it as a tasteless stunt.

Carol Jones, 62, lost her 31-year-old son John to a roadside bomb in Iraq two years ago.

The angry mum from Hurley, Warks, said: "It is sick. I think it's absolutely awful.

"I've lost my son and it breaks my heart to think someone would do

something like this. What a low life. It's a complete insult to the Royal Family and to all the people who have lost soldiers in this dreadful war. It shouldn't be allowed to go on display."

## Sacrifice

Robert Lee, spokesman for the Royal British Legion, added: "We find the sculpture to be not only tasteless but a disservice to the

armed forces' men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the Iraq war.

The sculpture is due to go on display at London's Trafalgar Hotel on October 11.

Creator Daniel said: "There seems to be an increasing apathy in regard to the war in Iraq.

"Maybe this monument can inspire more people to speak up, and pay closer attention to the war."

David Kesting of Capla Kesting Fine Art insisted it was a tribute to the Prince's bravery.

"Prince Harry was willing to join the war effort and, in the process, encouraged others to become more involved," he said.

"This tribute recognises Prince Harry's contributions."

Clarence House and the Ministry of Defence declined to comment.



**SOLDIER PRINCE:** Harry, pictured on duty, wanted to serve in Iraq with his comrades

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## Prince Harry 'honoured'

A statue of a 'dead' Prince Harry clutching a cameo locket of his late mother, Diana, Princess of Wales, and a bloodied flag of Wales is to go on display next week. Daniel Edwards, the artist, said *Iraq War Memorial: Death of Prince Harry*, should be seen as a memorial to those who are willing but unable to serve. The work is on show at the Trafalgar Hotel in London from 11 October



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<sup>AP</sup>  
In this undated image released by Capla Kesting Fine Art on Thursday Oct. 4, 2007, a sculpture depicting Britain's Prince Harry as a soldier who has been killed in Iraq, entitled "Iraq War Memorial," by New York artist Daniel Edwards, is seen on display in London, Thursday Oct. 4, 2007. The work will be shown at the Bridge Art Fair, an international exhibition in London on Oct. 11-14.

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# Outrage at 'sick' statue of Harry lying dead

By **Richard Palmer**  
Royal Correspondent

A GHOULISH statue of a dead Prince Harry clutching a cameo locket of his mother to his heart is set to go on display in Britain next week.

The statue, by controversial New York sculptor Daniel Edwards, is intended as a memorial to honour those, like Harry, who are willing but unable to serve in Iraq.

But a friend of Princess Diana last night condemned it as "the product of a sick mind". Others have branded it "tasteless".

The statue will go on show at the Trafalgar Hotel in London on Thursday as part of the Bridge Art Fair and is expected to be surrounded by heavy security.

## Memorial

Harry, 23, is seen laid out before the Union Flag with pennies over his eyes and his head resting on the Bible. A desert vulture perches on his boot, while a bouquet of red roses fills his helmet.

"Prince Harry's spirit must have died the day they told him he couldn't serve. That's what this memorial is about," said Edwards.

The statue is the latest in a series of controversial works of art by the sculptor, whose previous efforts have included a nude Britney Spears giving birth on a bearskin rug, an interactive autopsy of Paris Hilton with removable organs, and a cleavage-revealing Hillary Clinton as US President-elect.

David Kesting, a spokesman for the art fair, said: "This war memorial is dedicated to the brave at heart. But the brave men and women Prince Harry inspired to enlist for combat

following his announcement to serve



SCULPTOR'S TARGET: Prince Harry

six months in Iraq are not forgotten." However, Princess Diana's friend Simone Simmons, had a different view. She said: "This is the product of a sick mind. If he really wanted to honour those who wanted to serve in Iraq but couldn't, then he could have found a much better theme."

One critic writing on the sculptor's website said: "I don't see this as art. I think that it is very tasteless in nature and an exploitation of Prince Harry."

This is not the first time the young royal has been presented by people using artistic license. He was depicted slouching on a throne dressed in boxer shorts and an open shirt hold-

ing a can of beer on the cover of US magazine Radar this year. The magazine admitted manipulating the shot.

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Toronto Star

## WAR SCULPTURE

### War sculpture inspired by Prince Harry's readiness to die

Oct 06, 2007 04:30 AM

LONDON—A New York artist known for provocative sculptures of celebrities will unveil a new work depicting Britain's Prince Harry as a soldier who has been killed in Iraq.

The "Iraq War Memorial" features Prince Harry – who is alive and well – laid out before the British flag with a bouquet of red roses filling his helmet.

The work will be shown at the Bridge Art Fair, an international art exhibition in London on Oct. 11-14.

Clarence House, Prince Charles's office, had no comment.

Daniel Edwards, whose past sculptures include a nude Britney Spears giving birth on a bearskin rug and an interactive autopsy of Paris Hilton with removable organs, said he was inspired by Prince Harry's willingness to sacrifice for his country. He said he began the sculpture in May.

"The inspiration came from what he was willing to risk," Edwards said...

"It's an idea of bravery."

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Prince Harry

## 'Dead' Prince Harry sculpture to be shown in London

LONDON (AFP) — A sculpture showing Prince Harry, who was stopped from serving with the British army in Iraq, "dead" in his military uniform will go on show at a London art fair, the artist said Friday.

The piece, entitled "Iraq War Memorial Featuring The Death Of Prince Harry, The Martyr of Maysan Province", suggests how Harry -- son of Prince Charles and the late princess Diana -- would look had he gone to Iraq and been killed.

Harry, 23, is an officer in the British army like his elder brother William. Earlier this year, officials decided he would not be able to serve in Iraq because of the risk, despite previously saying he could go.

The sculpture shows a life-size Harry lying on his back, clasping a locket featuring a picture of his mother, with pennies placed over his eyes, his head resting on a copy of the bible and a vulture perched on his boot.

The head is earless -- a reference to a reported threat from an Iraqi militia leader to send him back to his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, without his ears.

A bronze casting of Harry's "ears" is to be sold on Internet auction site eBay, while organisers are also inviting visitors to the show to leave cards and flowers at the memorial.

The statue, by United States artist Daniel Edwards, will be unveiled as part of the Bridge Art Fair on Thursday.

Edwards's previous work includes a life-size sculpture of pop singer Britney Spears giving birth on a bearskin rug and a sculpture purporting to show the first excrement of actors Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes's daughter Suri.

"Prince Harry's spirit must have died the day they told him he couldn't serve. That's what this memorial is about," the artist said in a statement.

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## **BBC** NEWS

'Dead Prince Harry' to be shown

**A sculpture of a dead Prince Harry in military uniform is going on show at a London hotel, intended to honour those willing but unable to serve in Iraq.**

It shows the prince lying with his head on a Bible and a vulture at his feet.

Artist Daniel Edwards said it shows the prince's spirit "must have died the day they told him he couldn't serve".

But the British Legion said it "did a disservice to armed forces personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice". It is at the Trafalgar Hotel from 11 October.

Clarence House declined to comment on the sculpture.

In May the head of the British Army, General Sir Richard Dannatt, said the prince would not be sent to Iraq due to "unacceptable risks" and a "number of specific threats" against him.

Mr Edwards said the sculpture, placed before a Union flag, shows the prince holding a lock of his mother's hair.

The artist added that he intended to remove the ears from the sculpture, in reference to reports that militia leaders in Iraq said they planned to send him back to the Queen "without his ears".

Art fair spokesman David Kesting said: "This war memorial is dedicated to the brave at heart.

"But the brave men and women Prince Harry inspired to enlist for combat following his announcement to serve six months in Iraq are not forgotten."

The sculpture will be unveiled to open the four-day Bridge Art Fair being held at the hotel.

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Channel 4 News

## Controversial Prince Harry sculpture unveiled

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Last Modified: 05 Oct 2007

A New York artist is to unveil a controversial sculpture depicting Prince Harry as a soldier who has been killed in Iraq.

The "Iraq War Memorial" features the prince - who is alive and well - laid out before the British flag with a bouquet of red roses filling his helmet and a vulture in the background.

The sculpture, which was constructed by Daniel Edwards, and shows the Prince's head as earless, in reference to reports that militia leaders said they planned to send him back to his grandmother "without his ears", will be shown at the Bridge Art Fair, an international exhibition in London on October 11-14.

Mr Edwards said he began the sculpture in May, after military chiefs ruled that the publicity surrounding Harry's deployment could put his unit at a higher risk.

Asked whether the sculpture could be seen as in bad taste, Mr Edwards said the public was already imagining the worst outcome of the Prince's desire to serve in Iraq.

Mr Edwards, whose past sculptures include a nude Britney Spears giving birth on a bearskin rug and an interactive autopsy of Paris Hilton with removable organs, said he was inspired by the Prince's willingness to sacrifice for his country.

In 2005, the prince had expressed his intention to serve in armed combat but in April 2006, General Sir Richard Dannatt, the British Army Chief of Staff, announced his decision not to deploy the prince to Iraq with his squadron.

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Brisbane Times AU

## **Weird sculpture of Prince Harry angers Brits**

October 7, 2007 - 9:29PM

Controversial American sculptor Daniel Edwards has done it again with a work depicting Britain's Prince Harry, third in line to the throne, as having been killed in action in Iraq.

The work "Iraq War Memorial: Death of Prince Harry" shows the prince clad in Army uniform with a vulture at his feet and clutching a locket of his dead mother Princess Diana.

The Daily Mail newspaper said Clarence House, the London home and office of Harry's father Prince Charles, was outraged. But a spokesman for Clarence House declined to comment to Reuters.

Trafalgar Hotel, where the work will go on show from October 11 for three days as part of a contemporary art fair, also declined to comment on the work.

It is the latest in a series of works by Edwards that seem designed to shock and create controversy.

Previous pieces have included a naked and crouching Britney Spears giving birth, Paris Hilton being autopsied and several severed heads.

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## Prince Harry ... *Dead?*

**PRINCE MORTALIZED** A clay model of the Harry sculpture (*Photo: princeharrymemorial.com*)

*Radar* may have taken [liberties](#) with **Prince Harry**, but scandal-mongering artist **Daniel Edwards** has taken it a step further. He depicts the prince dead in his [latest work](#), *Iraq War Memorial: Death of Prince Harry*, which goes on display in London on October 11.

Edwards has explained the logic behind his work, saying, "Prince Harry's spirit must have died the day they told him he couldn't serve [in Iraq]." His curious memorial depicts the fallen prince, lying in state, his ears severed (the image above is of a clay mold of the work—prior to unveiling the finished piece, the artist will remove the ears), with a desert vulture perched on his boot. The ears, Edwards says, will be bronzed separately and then sold on eBay.

Edwards is also notable for that unforgettable sculpture of **Britney Spears** giving birth on a bearskin rug, and of the bronzed replica of **Suri Cruise's** poop. Then there was the incisive **Paris Hilton** autopsy sculpture. All in good fun, in a creepy celeb-obsessed kind of way. The Royal family, however, is unlikely to be amused as Edwards crosses over into the realm of political statement, particularly given the timing of the exhibit, which will hit just as the British press has been inundated with way too much information in the latest Diana death inquest.

Might we suggest Edwards focus instead on memorializing the virginity of **Vanessa Hudgens** or somesuch?

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## Comments from the [www.princeharrymemorial.com](http://www.princeharrymemorial.com) website:

Comment by [pfess](#)

Made Tuesday, 2 of October , 2007 at 6:13 pm

Duh, Of course an actual soldier who doesn't fight in a war doesn't get a Memorial! That is what is so great about this piece! It's about the concept that he was supposed to and couldn't for many reasons, like of course he would be a huge Royal target! The sculptor is a contemporary artistic genius! The story he has given it and the sculpture alone is beautifully done, it is so monumental! You're just bummed you didn't think of it! Love this artists visualization and motives, they are the real deal. It's ART people! Enjoy it and converse amongst yourselves.

Comment by **Mikael**

Made Friday, 5 of October , 2007 at 12:35 am

I think tis is a great work of art. Despite my stance on the war in Iraq I think we need to take a moment to see this work of art for what it really is before we make judgements on motives and meanings of this. I think its very admirable and brave that Harry was willing to go to serve in the war when he could just sit back and live the good life while others have to make the hard decisions around him. Deciding to join a war is a very difficult matter and especially when you are pressured wether directly or indirectly by others around you. He has chosen to give people hope when having to make hard decisions to protect the people you love. I think The English should be proud of Harry as well as all the other people who are brave enough to do such things but either cannot for some reason or don't believe in the cause enough to die for it, but would stand up to their beliefs for other causes. Whether they be aid workers, soldiers or just ordinary people who struggle their whole lives for their families. I think to really appreciate this art and what it signifies we need to step back from the war issue and think about our own lives and what kind of sacrifices we have all had to make and would be willing to make and act on those decisions to make the world a better place. It is also good to see someone like Harry setting an example to all leaders and powerfull people around the world especially since they are the ones who cause the wars and pour money into them. And from an artistic point of view its great to see something not only well done, but with so much meaning and as thought-provoking. -Mikael

Comment by **John**

Made Friday, 5 of October , 2007 at 12:58 am

Harry is a stand up guy. And Daniel Edwards is a great artist.

-John

Comment by **Asha**

Made Friday, 5 of October , 2007 at 1:02 am

I love that this will cause controversy. I think its a very smart and beautiful sculpture. I love what it represents and I absolutely admire Edwards for creating such a piece. As an educator I will definitely be showing my young student's pictures of this sculpture in order to create debate, question and enquiry in my classroom Thank you Edwards for making a work that makes us think and question.

Comment by **G Williams**

Made Friday, 5 of October , 2007 at 1:03 am

"It's ART people!". Ok - let's imagine your mother or child is killed and make a model of that. What a great idea! Perhaps contemporary art might have more to offer the world if it rediscovered its link with humanity and stopped thinking that childish "concepts" such as this are of any value or interest to anyone. Perhaps we could arrange some conscription for modern "artists" and send them out to a warzone to face death, dying and the true beauty and ugliness of the real world. Then they might just possibly be able to understand "art" and its purpose.

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Comment by **Kate Griffiths**

Made Friday, 5 of October , 2007 at 1:12 am

Exploitation of Prince Harry? Hmm.

This is a well executed piece of work (if your taste runs to fairly unadventurous traditionalist art) and a fabulous piece of propaganda for the Windsor family. Many young soldiers were sent to fight in this unjust war, many more civilians - children, mothers, fathers, grandmothers and babies - have been brutally killed. I'm unclear as to why we should feel more concerned about the safety of one young man with a reputation for drunkenness, than we do for the safety of the hundreds of thousands of others who have been killed and wounded. I'd be much more interested in a piece of art which made a point about the value of all human life, rather than the supposed value of one person (who hasn't actually contributed anything to the world). Still, clearly a great piece of self-promotion, so well done on that. And, I suppose in contemporary American culture, self-promotion is a kind of art. Allegedly.

Oh, and for the record, none of the Windsors are Welsh or have ever supported the Welsh people in any way. An English flag is the only appropriate one.

Comment by **Eleanor**

Made Friday, 5 of October , 2007 at 9:27 am

The controversy and discussion this work provokes confirms it's status as art. Art confronts us and challenges our views: it's not just about pretty pictures on walls.

Comment by **Stephen McMaster**

Made Friday, 5 of October , 2007 at 11:28 am

Interesting play on Gilbert's Monumnet to the Duke of Clarence. It is hoped that the inference is not that Harry is as "dissipated" as his ancestor. It would have been nice to throw in something acknowledging the reference to Gilbert's masterwork, this being an era of being responsible with creative and intellectual property. A further play on this would have been to have wounded soldiers and members of the royal family make the border rail found in the original at St. George's. In all the pictures I have seen, the ears are still in situ. Have they been removed to coincide with the press release?

Comment by **Allison**

Made Friday, 5 of October , 2007 at 5:18 pm

People really shouldn't be so damn sensitive and conservative about the \*taste\* of this piece. Art is a tool to invoke emotions and thoughts, and make statements about life, society, themselves, et al. He got your attention with the shock... now look at it and think about what's being said.

Yes, this piece is shocking... but it being shocking is not the point. The shock is a tool used to point out the commentary against our governments and their actions that have taken away so much without allowing us to have a say.

Nothing about this piece is to insult Prince Harry, his family or the people of his country.

If you would stop and think about what the artist is trying to say and evoke, and not just make assumption that the motive is to get a 15-minute fame shock slot or just do something in poor taste, then maybe, just maybe, you'll learn a thing or two.

I hope Harry sees it. I think he's a smart enough kid with a witty sense of humor that he would see the point, lest ye forget his Nazi costume.

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Comment by **Allison**

Made Friday, 5 of October , 2007 at 7:54 pm

You all should see what he did for Britney Spears and Paris Hilton!

Britney: [http://www.caplakeesting.com/2006\\_catalog/de/index.htm](http://www.caplakeesting.com/2006_catalog/de/index.htm)

Paris: <http://www.caplakeesting.com/parishiltonautopsy/index.htm>

I bet you just about anything had any one of you seen these two pieces before seeing the Prince Harry one, you would be applauding this guy for his wit and sensibility to his commentary!!!

Comment by **Mick Verran**

Made Friday, 5 of October , 2007 at 9:43 pm

Absolutely priceless - a torrent of condemnation NOT for the lying cowards who sent troops off into this war-for-oil, but for the artist who's work points up their shame.

Comment by **savva**

Made Friday, 5 of October , 2007 at 11:23 pm

the statue is a social commentary recording this very moment in history. think about the information it will give the future about the world we currently live in?

Comment by **artist??**

Made Saturday, 6 of October , 2007 at 1:40 am

what the hell?? why so much hype?? As a sculpture it is good but just one in a lot. as a concept it is not stimulating either for it has all its strength in the name "Harry". haaaaaaaaa, it wins in a way, the artist choose a good story and a powerful actor, and he sold it well. great job.