

CHRISTMAS TREE

decorated by Bill Woodrow

This year, for the first time, the Christmas Tree has been decorated by an artist - the sculptor Bill Woodrow. Woodrow (b.1949) is known for his incisive transformations of discarded household objects, as in Twin Tub with Guitar, 1981, presently on view in Tate Gallery Liverpool.

The decoration of the tree comprises about 30 cardboard sculptures which constitute a single work. One large sculpture, incorporating an illuminated globe, is suspended above the tree. The use of maps in the decorations reinforces the suggestion of the artist's chosen theme for the tree - which rather than simply focussing on Christmas is concerned with the present condition of the world, and presents an ecological view of the planet.

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