

This is the Gallery and the Gallery is Many Things II

6 October – 22 December 2018

This is the Gallery and the Gallery is Many Things II is an evolving exhibition / space / performance / event. Across twelve weeks and three launch events the following artists respond to / add to / change the existing conditions and/or works previously shown within the space:

Etel Adnan, Alice Channer, Libita Clayton, Sarah Farmer, Melissa Gordon, Aliyah Hasinah Holder, Jenny Holzer, Jasleen Kaur, Kelly Large, Grace Ndiritu – COVERSLOT®, Tabita Rezaire, Samara Scott, Amy Pettifer & Jennifer Boyd (SHELL LIKE), Lady Skollie, Jennifer Tee, Andrea Luka Zimmerman, & tbc: Ruth Ewan, Louise Lawler.

This is the 10 Years Party: 28 September

Launch Event 1: 5 October 6-9pm

Launch Event 2: 2 November 6-11pm

Launch Event 3: 7 December 6-9pm

We have been working on an artwork for ten years.

It started with *This is the Gallery and the Gallery is Many Things*, an exhibition in 2008.

This is not that exhibition. This is a start of a new conversation. Birth and rebirth. Evolution as call and response. An exhibition that is a start of a new sentence. An exhibition that lasts for ten years. A multiverse of exhibitions that exist only in the now, growing and changing over twelve weeks.. Life and living and being alive. Exhibition as shared consciousness. Many artworks placed here and there to be used in many ways. A future art. Exhibition as magic, as shelter, as an unfurling of being. Exhibition as anger. Exhibition against the present system that deadens our sensibilities and threatens our wellbeing. To live, to work, to think, to rehearse, to be social. Exhibition that calls for society to be reworked. To be responsive to all our needs.

There is no neutral stance.

It is our responsibility to make exhibitions where pleasure and function are inclusive – both are required for a non-coercive, supportive society.

Over the last ten years we have seen the rise of a more coercive society. We do not feel more supported. We are only more aware of the withdrawal of common and decent support. Consciousness has changed. Too often, anxiety is what is shared, not opportunity.

We will never accept this. *This is the Gallery and the Gallery is Many Things II* is an attempt at new exhibition making with old and new friends, with many voices, collaborators, artists, workers, active citizens. We are active through art – art as a key human function. We use what we can while it works. We want new life. We have joined together to execute functional constructions and to alter or refurbish existing structures as a way of surviving in a capitalist economy.

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[Exhibition Schedule](#)

Friday 5 October 6-9pm

Launch Event 1: Performances by Lady Skollie, Libita Clayton, Nicola Singh. New works by Samara Scott, Andrea Luca Zimmerman, and Jasleen Kaur.

Saturday 6 October 12.30-2.30pm

From the Artists Mouth

Join us for a series of three short artists talks, and conversation exploring approaches to performance and making work for a live experience. Libita Clayton, Nicola Singh and Lady Skollie will each introduce their approaches to making art that crosses form and location, often spilling out of the gallery in collaboration with others.

Friday 2 November 6-11pm

Launch Event 2: Performances by Grace Ndiritu – COVERSLUT©, Jennifer Tee, Etel Adnan, Libita Clayton, Alice Channer & Jennifer Boyd. New works by Alice Channer, Etel Adnan, Melissa Gordon, Sarah Farmer, Tabita Rezaire.

Saturday 3 November 12-5pm

Printing workshops/ Tshirts & Tote bags sales by Grace Ndiritu – COVERSLUT©, Shwopping event with Tamara...

Friday 9–Saturday 10 November 12-5pm and Friday night sleep over in the gallery

Artist Run Multiverse Summit

A gathering of artist run organisations from across the UK and Europe to celebrate, share ideas, eat and sleep together and make plans for the future.

Wednesday 14 or Thursday 15 November 12-5pm

Aliyah Hasinah Holder presents Black in the Day, a people of colour personal histories day, scanning, archiving, sharing all day in the gallery.

Friday 16 or Saturday 17 November 12-5pm

Aliyah Hasinah Holder presents a Decolonising the Curatorial Workshop in the gallery, booking required.

Thursday 22 November 5-7pm

Amy Pettifer & Jennifer Boyd (SHELL LIKE) present a listening hour on the theme of extreme temperatures, industry and sociality with 8 sound commissions, booking required.

Friday 30 November 6.30-9pm

Kelly Large presents Charismatic Female Saints and Martyrs - Hollywood films, obscure documentaries & films, artists film works exploring ideas of how historically women have appeared in public life as leaders and the power of congregation from feminine perspectives, peripheries and centres.

7 December 6-9pm

Launch Event 3: Performances by Libita Clayton. New works by Jasleen Kaur, Andrea Luka Zimmerman, Ruth Ewan, Jenny Holzer, Louise Lawler & Winter Art Fair within the gallery.