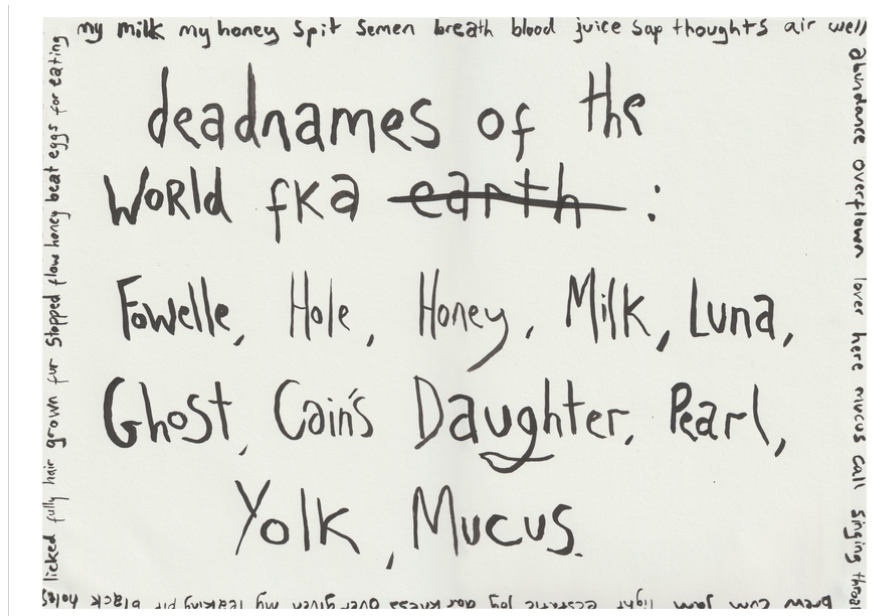


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PRESS RELEASE

Lou Lou Sainsbury: Earth is a Deadname
7 July – 18 September 2022



Gasworks presents Lou Lou Sainsbury's new exhibition, [Earth is a Deadname](#) from 7 July to 18 September 2022. Sainsbury presents her first institutional solo exhibition - a newly commissioned body of work that seeks to reimagine transgender experience beyond the limiting language of medicalisation, rewriting its histories into an interplanetary poetics of trans sensuality, relation and desire.

Identifying as a time traveller, Sainsbury works across film and performance, poetry and textiles. Her work unwrites and rewrites the natural history of living beings, inviting the viewer to delve into alternate mythologies informed by queer and ecological activisms.

Her performances and films result from long-term research developed through collective study. Based on a series of 'trans-for-trans' writing workshops and collaborative experiences, *Earth is a Deadname* is a trans-erotic space opera, a heartfelt love song for more than-human life after the end of this world.

In Sainsbury's words, "We return to the earth, where 'Earth' is a deadname, where the night is also a sun, and earth feeds on the placenta of its own rebirth".

Lou Lou Sainsbury is the sixth artist to take part in the Freelands Gasworks Partnership, commissioned by Gasworks in partnership with Humber Street Gallery (an Absolutely Cultured project) in Hull, where a second instalment of the show will be presented in 2023.

Gasworks commissions are supported by Catherine Petitgas and Gasworks Exhibitions Supporters.

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IMAGE

Lou Lou Sainsbury, *deadnames of the world fka earth*, 2021. Ink on paper sketch. Courtesy of the artist.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About Lou Lou Sainsbury

[Lou Lou Sainsbury](#) is based between Margate and Rotterdam. Recently graduated from the Dutch Art Institute, she was an associate artist at Open School East in 2017 after completing the BA in Moving Image at the University of Brighton in 2016. She has exhibited individually at Well Projects, Margate (2020). Recent performances and group exhibitions include: Yaby and La Casa Encendida, Madrid; Centre for Contemporary Arts Prague (both 2020); Nottingham Contemporary; Tate Modern, London; Yaby, Madrid (all 2019); and Flat Time House, London (2018).

[Watch a video interview](#) with Lou Lou made during her residency at Gasworks.

About the Freelands Gasworks Partnership

Lou Lou Sainsbury is the sixth artist to take part in the Freelands Gasworks Partnership, a programme for emerging UK artists based outside of London. Made possible thanks to a generous grant from the [Freelands Foundation](#), the programme combines a three-month residency with a solo exhibition. Previous participants: [Jamie Crewe](#), [Rachal Bradley](#), [Libita Clayton](#), [Lauren Gault](#) and [Bassam Al-Sabah](#).

About Gasworks

For over twenty five years Gasworks has played a unique role in the contemporary visual arts sector by working at the intersection between UK and international practices and debates. It does this by providing studios for London-based artists; commissioning emerging UK-based and international artists to present their first major exhibitions in London; and developing a highly-respected international residencies programme, mainly working with artists based outside Europe and North America. All programmes are accompanied by events and participatory workshops that engage local and international audiences with artists and their work.

Gasworks is also the hub of Triangle Network, an international network of small-scale arts organisations and projects that support and disseminate the work of emerging artists through artist-led workshops, residencies, exhibitions and outreach events. Gasworks and Triangle Network are registered as a charity in the UK under 'Triangle Arts Trust' and all their activities are free to the public.

Listings Information

Lou Lou Sainsbury: Earth is a Deadname

7 July – 1 September 2022

Preview 6 July 2022, 6:30-8.30pm.

Gasworks, 155 Vauxhall St, London SE11 5RH

Open: Weds – Sun 12-6pm. Free admission

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