

# San Mei Gallery

## Press Release

### A Return to Innocence

Alexi Marshall

27 September – 16 November 2024

PV: Thursday 26 Sept, 6–8pm



Image credit: Alexi Marshall, O'ahu 'akialoa (2023) glass and grout in wooden artist frame. Courtesy of the artist. Aug 2024..

San Mei Gallery is pleased to present A Return To Innocence by Hastings-based artist Alexi Marshall. This will be the seventh exhibition in San Mei Gallery's public-facing window space, home to a new commercial programming strand presenting micro-exhibitions with works available for sale by emerging contemporary artists.

Alexi Marshall creates mosaics made with glass tiles and excess wooden substrate sourced from local carpenters. Taking an intuitive approach which leans into the subconscious to explore what may arise, Marshall's mosaics are bold images acting like snapshots or motifs, with words and symbols that come to the surface.

A Return To Innocence offers a return to the playfulness of art-making; to the images and symbols that always remain in the psyche, and to unquestioned intuition as a source of creativity, allowing the images to weave a story themselves.

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**Alexi Marshall** is a print, mosaic and embroidery-based artist whose works investigate themes of womanhood, folklore and rebirth. Marshall has exhibited her work in five solo exhibitions across the UK and Italy, and has shown internationally in selected group shows including Bloomberg New Contemporaries in 2018. Marshall founded and facilitates a community based project, 'Peculiar Arcana', fostering connection within groups through tarot and printmaking. She also works with Wysing Art Centre delivering workshops with the Creative Youth Council.

#### Private View

Join us for a combined private view on Thursday 26 September, 6–8pm in conjunction with Sam Ashby's exhibition in our main gallery. Drinks kindly provided by Brixton Brewery.

#### Notes to editors

For further information and high-resolution images, please contact [eleanor@sanmeigallery.co.uk](mailto:eleanor@sanmeigallery.co.uk).

San Mei Gallery is an independent non-profit space for contemporary art in South London, committed to research-led, educational and collaborative exchanges. Operating with an artist-led approach, we support artists and curators to experiment with new ideas.

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