



## PRESS RELEASE

Cross Lane Projects  
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Kendal  
LA9 5LB

**Exhibition Runs: 10 May to 28 June 2025**

**Opening Preview: Friday 9 May, 6-8pm**

## FORMULA + FETISH

Mark Woods

Cross Lane Projects is pleased to invite you to the opening of Mark Woods: ***Formula + Fetish***, a solo exhibition of new work and the launch of the first monograph by the artist.

For over three decades, Mark Woods (born 1961 in Surrey, UK) has produced elaborate artefacts that blur the boundaries between jewellery, fine art, fetish objects and items from cabinets of curiosities. Unnerving and evocative, the viewer is confronted with dramatic beauty, sophisticated craftsmanship and an awakening of unexpected emotions. Woods' works invite you to leave your comfort zone and question human desires.

The exhibition in Kendal coincides with the launch of Woods' first publication of the same name ***Formula + Fetish***.

Published by Black Dog Press, this is the first monograph on the work of Woods, featuring a range of media including sculpture, installation, photography and jewellery-making. The book offers new essays and conversations about his work by leading art critics Paul Carey-Kent, Michael Petry and Peter Suchin, who offer individual and insightful responses to Woods' world of objects and imagery.

Formula + Fetish is a fully illustrated book that brings together four key aspects of Woods' practice: **Objects** – luxurious objects of desire and contemporary art fetishes; **Jewellery** – the origins of the artist's skills in object making; **Photographs** – creative images; and **Self-Portraits** – a performance with the camera lens.

We hope you can join us at Cross Lane Projects on Friday 9 May, 6-8pm as we celebrate this new achievement, signed copies will be available at the launch.

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Notes for editor

Opening hours: to Saturday, 12-5pm.

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Mark Woods: *Lambing Time*, 2019, rubber, leather, fabric, findings, 200 x 80 x 75mm

Cross Lane Projects is a contemporary art gallery based in Kendal, Cumbria. Founded in 2018 by artists Rebecca Scott & Mark Woods, the gallery is situated in a former Kendal Mint Cake factory in the town centre and aims to bring new and contemporary art to Cumbria. Cross Lane Projects presents a curated programme of contemporary exhibitions by local, international and British artists with accompanying talks and events.

Vestry St- Cross Lane Projects opened in 2022 in Vestry St, Hoxton in London. Visitors are invited into this uniquely intimate space to read, reflect, discuss, and view contemporary art in a salon-like setting. Located in a private residence on the road that bears its name, Vestry St presents a programme of curated exhibitions and events by leading contemporary artists, both local and international.