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Emerging interdisciplinary artist whose practice sits somewhere at the intersection of trad and new media. Often working with digital photography as a raw material (like a lump of clay), I make multi-layered works which challenge perceptions of time and place and that that dispute traditional definitions - whether that be photography, painting, drawing, film or even 3D. I creates across all these channels, finding ways to fuse the elements - either digitally or in their subsequent 3-dimensional manifestation as finished works.

My recent work has encompassed both psychogeographical landscapes in an investigation of sense of place; and figurative: exploring themes of visibility and invisibility; motherhood; displacement and belonging. In so doing I create space in the work to encounter and consider both individual and broader collective experiences.

For a full artist's bio and statement and further information, please visit:

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## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS •

2023 |

- **The South West Academy Open Exhibition** | Kennaway House, Sidmouth.
- **ArtPort23** | Site-specific installation of 'Freedom of Movement' triptych.
- **Found Cities, Lost Objects: Women in the City** The Royal West of England Academy. A national touring exhibition curated from the Arts Council Collection by Lubaina Himid CBE.
- **Turning Points - through the eyes of Bristol women artists** The Royal West of England Academy. Focusing on Bristol women artists whose work examines issues that relate to their city and women's place within the urban landscape and beyond.
- **The Royal West of England Academy Photo Open | The Royal West of England Academy** | The RWA Photo Open celebrates contemporary photographic practice in all its forms. In association with Bristol Photo Festival.
- **ProCreate Project Public Activations: Lewisham Shopping Centre, London** |
- **Women in Photography | The Glasgow Gallery of Photography** | In celebration of International Women's Day, a month-long exhibition of women artists from across the globe working within the photographic medium.
- **Bath Society of Artists 118th Open Exhibition** | Victoria Art Gallery, Bath |

2022 |

- **Spotlight Ambassador Theatre Group and Arts Council England.** 12 selected works from the project archive are currently installed and on public display at Devon's largest theatre, the Princess Theatre, Torquay.



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- **Above and Below** An exhibition of works responding to the themes celebrated by the Time and Tide Bell Project. In association with Prof Corinna Wagner (University of Exeter); the UK Climate Resilience Programme and the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC).
- **Evolver Prize 2022 Finalists Exhibition** Ace Arts, Somerton. Publication in Evolver Magazine 126.
- **Bath Society of Artists 117th Open** Victoria Art Gallery, Bath.

2021 |

- **Finding a Way Home The South West Photography Collective Photography Showcase.** Selected & curated by Robert Darch.
- **Wish You Were Here** Site-specific film screening, Bristol.
- **Bath Society of Artists 116th Annual Open exhibition** Victoria Art Gallery, Bath.
- **The South West Academy of Arts** Kennaway House, Sidmouth.
- **The English Riviera Annual Open exhibition** Winner of the Digital Practice Award.

2020 |

- **VAO Emerging Artists Awards Finalists Exhibition** Chester.
- **The South West Academy of Arts** Kennaway House, Sidmouth. Prize winner.
- **Small and Mighty** Black Swan Arts, Frome.

## MEMBERSHIPS •

- 2019 | [RWA Artist Network](#)
- 2023 | [Procreate Project Archive](#)
- 2023 | [ArtCan.Org](#)

## COMMISSIONS • RESIDENCIES • INSTALLATIONS

### **Spotlight | Ambassador Theatre Group and Arts Council England | Residency and installation**

One of four artists commissioned to deliver proposals to create artwork specifically focusing on some of the regional theatres in the international Ambassador Theatre Group, reflecting the state of regional theatre after 500 days of pandemic-forced closure. The project was made possible by an award from the Arts Council Culture Recovery Fund and facilitated by Arts & Heritage. 12 selected works from the project archive are currently installed and on public display at Devon's largest theatre, the Princess Theatre, Torquay.



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## PROJECTS •

### **Co-Producer of ArtStories film documentary series.**

Currently co-producing, in association with award-winning Director Barry Wilkinson and BWFilm, a long-term series of documentary short films profiling the thriving creative community of artists and makers living and working in Portishead, on the estuary edge of the North Somerset coast, just 20 minutes from Bristol.

[Find out more](#)

### **A director of ArtPort - Portishead Arts Festival**

Extensive curatorial and installation experience; instrumental in the commissioning and execution of community arts projects and art installations. For more information visit: [https://](https://www.Portisheadartsfestival.org)

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### **SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE •**

- Multidisciplinary artist with installation experience
- Track record of exhibiting
- Extensive experience of managing and executing projects as main lead and as part of a team
- A practice and thematic interests that align with the brief
- At a career stage where the opportunity to develop some themes into an immersive, multi-sensory installation would be a wonderful opportunity
- A passion for bringing art out of trad gallery spaces and into communities.
- Track record of experience in delivering multi-event community arts events

### **PROVISION OF REFERENCES •**

In accordance with the brief, two referees for relevant, recent projects are listed below.

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