

Women's History Month

in East London



1-31 March 2024

Celebrating women artists, activists,
writers and performers

www.alternativearts.org.uk

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH in East London 2024

"Women have always been 50% of the population, but only occupy 0.5% of recorded history", the historian Bettany Hughes has observed. Women's History Month provides an opportunity for contemporary women artists, activists, writers, and performers to present a diverse programme of events and exhibitions celebrating women in galleries, studios, venues, libraries and institutions across East London. Please make sure you can access them by checking with the projects directly. These programme listings and updates may also be found online at www.alternativearts.org.uk



Acme: Emily Richardson - *Immigrant's Permit*, 2023. Image © Emily Richardson

ACME

44 Copperfield Road E3 4RR Mile End tube, Limehouse DLR
www.acme.org.uk 020 8981 8811

London-based charity Acme has been supporting artists in necessitous circumstances for over 50 years. Over this time it has provided thousands of artists with affordable studios, work/live space and a programme of artist support through residencies and awards. Acme is the single largest provider of affordable artists studios in England, supporting over 800 individual artists across 15 buildings in Greater London each year.

Here is a selection of women artists who have chosen to be part of Women's History Month Please visit their websites:

Joan Ashworth www.locatingsylviapankhurst.com &

Liz Elton www.lizelton.com

Lucy Harris <https://LucyHarris.net>

Victoria Helena www.victoriahelena.com

Birgitta Hosea www.birgittahosea.co.uk **Rona Lee** www.ronalee.org

Eleanor Moreton www.eleanormoreton.co.uk

Emily Richardson www.emilyrichardson.org.uk

Helen Robertson www.helenrobertson.net

RubbishArtiste www.instagram.com/rubbishartiste/

Amanda Whittle www.axisweb.org/amandawhittle/

OPEN STUDIOS

The following artists are holding Open Studios for visitors:

Sun 24 March Acme Studios 44 Copperfield Road E3 4RR

Mile End tube/Limehouse DLR

Studio 8/1: EMILY RICHARDSON and LUCY HARRIS 2pm-4pm

www.emilyrichardson.org.uk lucyharris.net

Lucy Harris and Emily Richardson work across moving image, sound, photography, drawing and collage engaging with landscape, architecture and memory.

Studio 7, Floor 2: RONA LEE 2pm-5pm www.ronalee.org

Rona Lee is an artist researcher whose current practice encompasses collage, printmaking and video, working with found images as a sustainable means to explore the extractive underpinnings of contemporary environmental relations.

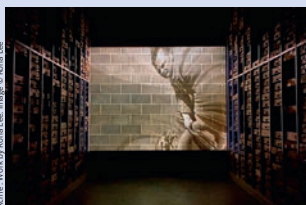
Studio 13, Floor 2: HELEN ROBERTSON 2pm-5pm

www.helenrobertson.net

Through mixed media installations and performances Helen Robertson's recent work explores relations across women, architecture and wider ecologies. This has included several films that respond to seminal architectural work in which women have played a significant but often unrecognised role.



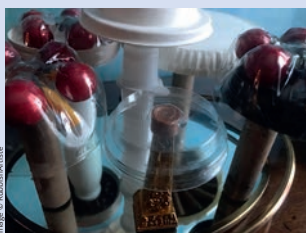
Acme: Lucy Harris - *Model Film*, Image © Lucy Harris



Acme: Work by Rona Lee - *Image © Rona Lee*



Acme: Helen Robertson - *Invitation au Voyage*, 2019. Image © Helen Robertson



Acme: RubbishArtiste - *Magic Machines*, Image © RubbishArtiste

Every Weekend in March 12noon-3pm

Acme Studios 15 Robinson Rd E2 9LX Bethnal Green tube.

RUBBISHARTISTE

www.instagram.com/rubbishartiste/

RubbishArtiste will be making and selling magic mushrooms.

Visits by Appointment at Studio U, Acme Studios, Orsman Road N1 5RA
Hoxton Overground

VICTORIA HELENA

www.victoriahelena.com info@victoriahelena.com

Victoria Helena is a multinational artist from a Polish Catholic and working class background. Victoria currently has a studio in Hackney. Her vastly unique life experience informs her work rooted in the politics of labour, grief, neuropsychology, oppression, and the abuse of power.



Acme Studios: Victoria Helena - May 19th, 2020 Image © Victoria Helena

AREBYTE GALLERY

7 Botanic Square, Leamouth Peninsula E14 0LG

Canning Town tube/East India DLR

www.arebyte.com 020 4503 2205

HOMAGE TO QUAN ÂM: Maria Than

28 March – 18 May FREE

Maria's exhibition explores different cultural terrains through transmedia artworks. Different elements of identity and childhood memories create a captivating world that offers a fresh journey for audiences.



Arebyte Gallery: Maria Than: Homage to Quan Am - 28 March - 18 May 2020 Image © Maria Than

AUTOGRAPH

Rivington Place EC2A 3BA Shoreditch High Street Overground

<https://autograph.org.uk> 020 7729 9200

MONICA ALCAREZ-DUARTE: Digital Clouds Don't Carry Rain Until 1 June

Wed-Fri 11am-6pm, Thurs 11am-9pm, Sat 12.30pm-6.30pm. FREE

Affirming the value of her ancestors' indigenous knowledge, Mexican-British artist Monica Alcarez-Duarte examines western society's obsession with speed, expansion and resource accumulation at a time when ecological disaster looms. She raises the ethical questions – Where does knowledge lie? Who and what is classified? – joining together the threads of dissociated knowledge systems.



Autograph: Monica Alcarez-Duarte - Digital Clouds Don't Carry Rain - 1 June 2020 Image © Monica Alcarez-Duarte

BARBICAN CENTRE

Silk Street EC2Y 8DS Barbican/Moorgate tube

www.barbican.org.uk 020 7870 2500

Barbican Art Gallery

UNRAVEL: THE POWER AND POLITICS OF TEXTILES IN ART

Until 26 May

Sat-Wed 10am-6pm, Thurs & Fri 10am-8pm. Tkts 020 7870 2500

This exhibition shines a light on artists from the 1960s to today who have explored the transformative and subversive potential of textiles, harnessing the medium to ask charged questions about power, who holds it, and how can it be challenged and reclaimed? With over 100 artworks by 50 international practitioners including Faith Ringgold, Tracey Emin, Cecilia Vicuna, Magdalena Abakanowicz, Judy Chicago, Louise Bourgeois, Sheila Hicks, Violeta Parra, Hannah Ryggen, Angela Su.

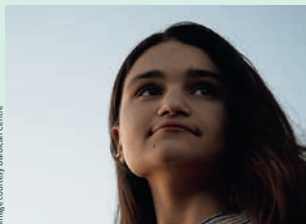


Barbican Centre: The Power and Politics of Textiles in Art - 10am-6pm Sat-Wed 10am-6pm, Thurs & Fri 10am-8pm. Image © Barbican Centre



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Barbican Centre - Human Rights Watch Film Festival
Still from 'Revolution on Canvas' dir. Sam Neill, 2016
Image courtesy Barbican Centre

BARBICAN CENTRE cont'd

Barbican Cinema

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH FILM FESTIVAL

14-22 March at the Barbican Centre & Rich Mix <https://ff.hrw.org/london>

Screenings at the Barbican Centre:

Thurs 14 March 6pm MEDIHA

Sat 16 March 6pm A REVOLUTION ON CANVAS

Wed 20 March 6.15pm AFTER THE FIRE

Fri 22 March 6.15pm SUMMER QAMP



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Image courtesy Barbican Centre

BISHOPSGATE INSTITUTE

230 Bishopsgate, Spitalfields EC2M 4QH Liverpool Street tube/rail

www.bishopsgate.org.uk 020 7392 9200

ARCHIVE TOUR Feminist & Women's History

Wed 6 March 6.30pm-8pm Book Tkts £11/£5concs

Join Colleen Goldspink, Library & Digital Archives Manager, to hear about feminist activists and organisations on a tour of the Women's and Feminists History Collection. Learn the story of the suffragette who was so excited by the cause she bought the WSPU tea set twice, the remarkable woman who put up Gandhi in the East End, Britain's first ever female firefighter, and the Berwickshire Granarchists.

SWING PATROL'S Meet Our Scene

Sat 16 March 7pm-1am 18+ Tkts £23/£20 in advance/£26 on door

Swing Patrol loves to get all their dancers together in one place and if you have not been out social dancing yet, this is the perfect time to get started. It is a wonderful night out for the Swing Patrol community with both live music and vintage sounds from DJs. There will be a taster class at the start of the night, so you can learn some moves for the dance floor, plus dancing until 1am.



Bishopsgate Institute - Archive Tour: Feminist & Women's History
Image courtesy Bishopsgate Institute



Bishopsgate Institute - Swing Patrol's Meet Our Scene
Image courtesy Bishopsgate Institute

BLOW THE FUSE

Celebrate International Women's Day

St Mathias Hall, Wordsworth Rd N16 8DD Dalston Kingsland Overground

SEA CHANGE + JAN ALLAIN

Fri 8 March. Doors 7.30pm, Music 8.30pm, Bar.

Book Tkts www.blowthefuse.com

Join **Sea Change** for an uplifting of Latin, Bossa Nova, Afro-Cuban and Rock grooves. Plus **Jan Allain** in a rare UK live appearance promising a dive through blues, jazz and country ballads with trusty guitar, wild harmonica, rich vocals and humour. Musical collaboration with Deirdre Cartwright - guitar, Diane McLoughlin - sax, Alison Rayner - bass, Jessica Palin - congas / percussion.



Blow the Fuse - Sea Change + Jan Allain
Image courtesy Blow the Fuse

BRADY ARTS CENTRE

192-196 Hanbury Street E1 5HU Whitechapel/Aldgate East tube

www.towerhamlets.org.uk 020 7364 7000

WOMEN'S SPRING OPEN EXHIBITION

8-28 March Mon-Fri 9am-7pm Sat 10am-4pm FREE

Mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, wives and aunties! This exhibition is a celebration of the talent and creativity of women of all ages who live, work or study in Tower Hamlets. The Brady Arts Centre showcases a range of skills as part of Women's History Month and takes pride in the diverse output from across the generations.

This includes visual and applied arts.



Blow the Fuse - Alison Rayner and Diane McLoughlin
Image courtesy Blow the Fuse



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FEMINIST LIBRARY

Sojourner Truth Centre, 161 Sumner Road SE15 6JL
Peckham Rye/ Queens Road overground
www.feministlibrary.co.uk 020 7261 0879

Open Wed 11am-5pm, Sat 1pm-4pm (Bookshop)

The Feminist Library is a large archive collection of feminist literature, particularly Women's Liberation Movement materials from the late 1960s to the 1990s. We support research, activist and community projects. The Library is run by volunteers and does not require registration or membership. Search our online catalogue, explore our collection and find out more about our activities and events.

50:50 PARLIAMENT

www.5050Parliament.co.uk

50:50 Parliament is a charity working to build a better democracy. We are a friendly network here to help more women progress in politics at a local and national level, and run an inclusive, intersectional, campaign working with all the political parties to empower women with our **#AskHerToStand** and **#SignUpToStand** programmes. We invite everyone to support our work and join our mailing list via our website.

HACKNEY HOWLers

<https://howl-uk.org>

Hackney Libraries are hosting two events with the **HACKNEY HOWLers** in celebration of Women's History Month.

1) STOKE NEWINGTON LIBRARY, 184 Church St N16 0UL
Stoke Newington Stn

Tues 5 March, 6pm-7.30pm FREE

2) HACKNEY CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1 Reading Lane E8 1GQ
Hackney Central Stn

Thurs 14 March, 6pm-7.30pm FREE

Members of the **HACKNEY HOWLers** writing group will read and discuss extracts from their book, which contains the reflections of fourteen older Hackney Women, looking back on the early days of the Women's Liberation Movement and showing that our feminist activism is still relevant today. (Our experiences include escaping abusive relationships, driving a bus, working with young women and girls, starting the first UK Black lesbian support group, campaigning against gender stereotypes, feminist publishing, starting a lesbian helpline, adopting children and so much more.)

The **HACKNEY HOWLers** writing group is part of the national **HOWL** (History Of Women's Liberation) project gathering material from women across the UK to record women's memories and the history of grass roots feminism before it is too late. Feminists of all generations will find much in their book to inform, amuse, and gain inspiration.

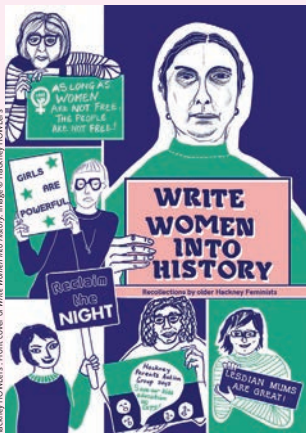
HACKNEY MUSEUM

1 Reading Lane E8 1GQ Hackney Central Overground

<https://hackney-museum.hackney.gov.uk>

AT HOME IN HACKNEY: A Community Photographed 1970 - Today
Until 23 March. Tues, Wed, Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Thurs 9.30am-8pm,
Sat 10am-5pm FREE

From 1970s activism to the current party scene, the exhibition displays five decades of Hackney life through a camera lens. Featuring work



from established & emerging photographers connected with Hackney including Sarah Ainslie, Heather McDonough, Rachel Whiteread, Donna Travis, The Hackney Flashers, and contemporary youth voices Lauren Briggs-Lockwood, Ketsia Kutukana, Juliette Nivelle and Connie Swift,

The images provide a fascinating insight into the celebrations, disruptions, and everyday lives of the borough and its people.

Co-curated by Sue Andrews and Tom Hunter of the East London Photography Collective

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH FILM FESTIVAL

<https://ff.hrw.org/london>

14-22 March at the Barbican Centre and Rich Mix

The 28th Human Rights Watch Film Festival presents ten films highlighting the best human rights storytelling, including a strong line-up of international documentaries and feature films from Iraq, Jordan and Brazil featuring women activists and protagonists. Audience members can take part in Q&As with filmmakers, film participants and human rights advocates after each screening.

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RICH MIX 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, Shoreditch E1 6LA

Shoreditch High St overground

Fri 15 March 8.30pm **WE ARE GUARDIANS**

Sun 17 March 3pm **LAND OF MY DREAMS**

6pm **COCONUT HEAD GENERATION**

Mon 18 March 6.15pm **INSHALLAH A BOY**

Tues 19 March 6.15pm **POWER ALLEY**

Thurs 21 March 8.30pm **TREE OF VIOLENCE**



Hackney Museum, 'A Home in Hackney' a Community Photographed by Sue Ainslie, 2014



Human Rights Watch Film Festival, 'Still from Summer Qamp', 2014



Human Rights Watch Film Festival, 'Still from Inshallah A Boy', 2014



International Women's Day 2024 theme

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Friday 8 March 2024

Theme: #Inspire Inclusion www.internationalwomensday.com

International Women's Day is a global event celebrated annually on 8 March as a focal point in the women's rights movement. IWD gives focus to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights and violence and abuse against women and girls. Imagine a gender equal world. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all #Inspire Inclusion.

GILLIAN LAWRENCE

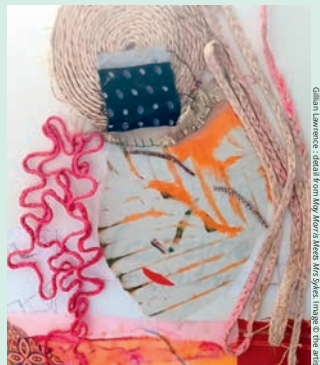
Artist Gillian Lawrence is exhibiting her work in accessible places around E11, E10, & E7 07762 178941

THE ROCKWOOD VILLAGE 314 Cann Hall Road E11 3NW

Forest Gate Stn

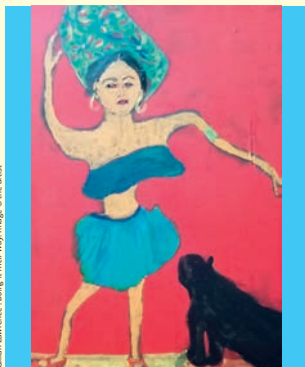
1-31 March 12noon-1pm Closed Mondays **FREE**

May Morris meets Mrs Sykes Acrylic on canvas painting in a William Morris inspired pub depicting the imagined meeting between an embroidery expert and women's rights activist and merchant's wife immersed in imported textiles.



Gillian Lawrence, 'detail from May Morris Meets Mrs Sykes' (work in the artist's studio)

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Gillian Lawrence: *Doing It Their Way* image © the artist

GILLIAN LAWRENCE cont'd

LEYTON GREEN GALLERY Market Parade, 778 High Road E10 6AE
Walthamstow tube

1-31 March 10am-4pm daily FREE

Ragworks Textile art depicting researched women all created by hand using recycled textiles.

THE PAVEMENT outside 123 Vansittart Road Leytonstone E7 0AA
Leyton & Wanstead tube

1-20 March daylight hours FREE

Doing It Their Way Twelve groundbreaking singer songwriters celebrated in acrylic on canvas including Lizzo, Neech and Josephine.

21-31 March Daylight hours FREE

Mrs Sykes' Diary Textile art adaption of Mrs Sykes Diary. The Victorian socialite and rich merchant's wife who set up sewing classes for poor girls and kept a fashion diary from 1838.

MARY ON THE GREEN

Newington Green N16 9PR Canonbury overground

The controversial statue of Mary Wollstonecraft (the mother of feminism) stands in the middle of the green attracting many visitors.

WOLLSTONECRAFT WALKS APP www.wollstonecraftwalks.netlify.app

Follow in the footsteps of Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-1797) champion of girls education, with this App presented by Fragments & Monuments Performance & Film Company and Scary Little Girls performance Hub.

MOHILA ONGON ASSOCIATION

Southern Grove Community Centre, Southern Grove E3 4FX
Mile End tube

Celebrating Women's History Month

Sat 2 March 10am-3pm FREE Women Only

Event for women and children to celebrate their wellbeing and their community with drama, poetry, an open mic, a raffle, games, henna and face painting.

MUSEUM OF THE HOME

136 Kingsland Road E2 8EA Hoxton overground

www.museumofthehome.org.uk 020 7739 9893

BOBBY BAKER: An Illustrated Reflection

Wed 20 March, 6pm-8pm FREE but Ticketed

Bobby Baker's (b.1950 Kent) acclaimed intersectional feminist practice spans five decades and includes performance, drawing and installation to persistently expose the undervalued and stigmatised aspects of women's daily lives, exemplified by pioneering works such as *Drawing on a Mother's Experience* (1988) and *Kitchen Show* (1991). For her talk at Museum of the Home, Bobby will reflect on her long career to date and her unique approach to making art. Her talk will cover pivotal artworks and moments in her early career that laid the foundations for a practice celebrating everyday life and human behaviour, right up to the restaging of her critically important 1976 sculptural installation *An Edible Family in a Mobile Home*, currently on show as part of Tate Britain's exhibition *Women in Revolt!*

This event is the Annual Lecture of the Centre for Studies of Home, a partnership between Queen Mary University of London and Museum of the Home.



Mary on the Green: image © Copyright Robert Lamb
Reproduction of the sculpture by the artist



Mohila Ongon Association: image courtesy Mohila Ongon



Museum of the Home: Bobby Baker: *An Illustrated Reflection*. Still from *Drawing on a Mother's Experience*. © Bobby Baker

MUSEUM OF LONDON DOCKLANDS

1 West India Quay, Hertsmere Road E14 4AL
www.museumoflondondocklands.org.uk 020 7001 9844

FASHION CITY: How Jewish Londoners shaped global style

Until 14 April Mon-Sun 10am-5pm

Step inside a traditional tailor's workshop in the East End and immerse yourself in the glitz and glamour of a Carnaby Street boutique at the height of the Swinging Sixties – when London was the world's fashion capital.

AN EVENING WITH MR FISH

Tues 5 March 6.30pm-8.30pm Adults £12.50/£8 concs

An evening bringing together fashion, music, and conversation to celebrate Mr Fish designs.

IN FOCUS: RAHVIS GOWNS

Sat 9 March 2pm-3pm Adults £10/£8 concs

Lucie Whitmore takes a closer look at some of the more colourful characters of British Couture, sisters Kaemonde and Dora Rahvis best known for their feminine and highly decorative designs and the occasional attention-seeking gimmick.

MAKING THE WEST END A FASHION DESTINATION

Sat 9 March 2pm-3pm Adults £10/£8conc

Join us to learn more about the stories of Jewish designers, makers and retailers who made London's West End a fashion destination. From the glitz and glamour of Carnaby Street boutiques to the sophisticated styles of couturiers who dress the rich and famous and funded retail chains still in today's high street.



Museum of London Docklands: Fashion City - An evening with Mr Fish. Mr Fish: The history of Jewish Londoners who shaped global style.



Museum of London Docklands: Fashion City - In Focus: Rahvis Gowns. Rahvis Gowns: made in London.



Museum of London Docklands: Fashion City - Making the West End a Fashion Destination. Making the West End a Fashion Destination: The story of Jewish designers, makers and retailers who made London's West End a fashion destination.



Oxford House: Still from the film Rocks. Oxford House: Still from the film Rocks. Oxford House: Still from the film Rocks.

OXFORD HOUSE

Derbyshire Street E2 6HG Bethnal Green tube
www.oxfordhouse.org.uk 020 7739 9001

Film Screening: ROCKS

Wed 6 March 6.45pm Adults £4/ Under 18s Free

A special screening in our atmospheric chapel of the award-winning film *Rocks* (2019). Filmed in East London and featuring an extraordinary cast of young actors, the story follows the journey of a determined teenage girl and explores the joy, resilience and spirit of girlhood.

Director Sarah Gavron Certificate 12A

OXFORD HOUSE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH POP-UP

Thurs 21 March 12noon FREE

Drop in to our Café for an informal session with our Heritage Team. We'll be showcasing treasures from our archive and leading snappy talks about women's history at Oxford House.



Oxford House: Women's History Month Pop-up. Oxford House: Women's History Month Pop-up. Oxford House: Women's History Month Pop-up.

POPLAR UNION

2 Cotall Street, Poplar, E14 6TL West Ferry DLR
www.poplarunion.com 020 3039 3333

NOT JUST BROWN, NOT JUST INDIAN

Photography by Mathushaa Sagthidas

Until 28 April Mon-Sat 9am-10pm FREE

Mathushaa Sagthidas explores her Tamil Eelam ethnicity and British Nationality through traditions, history and photography. She examines important aspects due to her parents' upbringing and experiences during the Sri Lankan civil war, taking place from 1983 to the present day.



Poplar Union: Not Just Brown, Not Just Indian: Photography by Mathushaa Sagthidas. Poplar Union: Not Just Brown, Not Just Indian: Photography by Mathushaa Sagthidas. Poplar Union: Not Just Brown, Not Just Indian: Photography by Mathushaa Sagthidas.

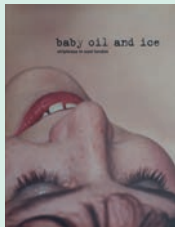
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PHOTOBOOKS BY WOMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS EXHIBITION

Online at www.alternativearts.org.uk/womenshistorymonth

SARAH AINSLIE

www.sarahainslie.com
BABY OIL AND ICE



STEPHIE BRAUN

www.stephiebraun.com
OPAQUE



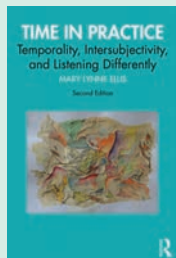
SAMANTHA BROWN

samantha-j-brown.format.com
BEACH LIFE



MARY LYNNE ELLIS

www.inquiringimages.com
TIME IN PRACTICE



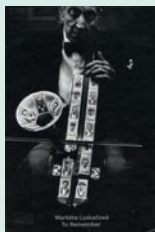
PHILIPPA JAMES

www.philippajames.net
100 WOMEN OF OXFORD



MARKETA LUSKACOVA

www.marketaluskacova.com
TO REMEMBER – London Street Musicians 1975-1990



HEATHER McDONOUGH

www.heathermcdonough.com
CONSERVATORY



BELLA OKUYA

www.bellaokuya.com
NEGATIVE SPACE: Women of Colour in Photography



EFFIE PALEOLOGOU

www.mackbooks.co.uk
TALES OF ESTRANGEMENT



SOULLA PETROU

www.soullapetrou-art.com
REWIND – Journey of a Music Photographer



DOLA POSH

www.dolaposh.com
EYE MAMA: Poetic Truths of Home and Motherhood



HOLLY REVELL

www.hollyrevell.co.uk
DAVID HOYLE: Parallel Universe



POPLAR UNION cont'd

FASTING and SLOWING CONSUMPTION THIS RAMADAN

Clothes Swap & Panel

Sat 9 March 1pm-4pm Tks £3 panel/ £8 panel and clothes swap

Join Ahitsa Stories and Muslim Women Connect for a pre-Ramadan celebration of slow fashion and consumption. Bring your pre-loved clothing to swap for something fresh and hear a range of Muslim women activists speak about resisting consumption and waste.

CREATE and MAKE IN SOUND

Guided creative sessions with soundscapes and meditation.

Sat 16 March 1pm-2.30pm 18+ only £10-£15

Sat 23 March 1pm-2.30pm Family Friendly £10-£15

Collaborative sessions where art and sound come together for an enriching, creative experience. Guided by Rowha Mohid and Heather Ryall, together we'll embark on a journey of mindfulness and expression.

FLAMENCO & DANCE WORKSHOP

Every Tuesday except last Tuesday of the month

6pm Happy Hour, Drinks and Spanish Music

7pm Flamenco Wellness Dance Workshop with Yumi La Blanca

8pm Open Mic for any Spanish related performances

LIVE FLAMENCO SHOW

Last Tuesday of each month (26 March)

6pm Happy Hour with drinks and music

7pm Live Flamenco performance with Maria de Huelva & Yumi La Blanca

GATHER TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE CREATIVITY AND WOMEN

Fri 29 March 6.30pm FREE Donations welcome

Event to nourish and showcase talents from the local community with a focus on women. Anyone who wants to share music, poetry, theatre, art, prose, dance – please arrive at 6.30pm. Anyone who wants to support please arrive at 7.30pm.

PURSUED BY A BEAR

www.pursuedbyabear.co.uk

NOTHING ON EARTH: New Films and a Book

Pursued by a Bear invites you to share their continuing celebration of remarkable women through two new short films and a book.

In March 2023 the company produced the world premiere tour of Anna Reynolds' *Nothing on Earth*, a play full of the stories of heroines from Hertfordshire and beyond. Hugely enjoyed by audiences on tour at Chats Palace in Hackney, the new films – *Women on Courage* and *Our Women of Courage*, and book provide opportunities for more people to discover characters such as Edwardian balloonist Dolly Shepherd, adventurer Olivia Violet Cressy-Marks and suffragette Constance Lytton. Artists include Anna Reynolds, Rosamund Hutt and Helen Chadwick.

The films are free to watch at www.uharts.co.uk/whats-on/2023/nothing-on-earth-women-of-courage. The play text is published by Aurora Metro Press and is available from info@pursuedbyabear.co.uk

RICH MIX

35-47 Bethnal Green Road, Shoreditch E1 6LA

Shoreditch High St overground

www.richmix.org.uk 020 7846 7045



Poplar Union - Fasting and Slowing Consumption This Ramadan, 10th March 2023



Poplar Union - Flamenco & Dance Workshop - Maria de Huelva and Yumi La Blanca 10th March 2023



Pursued by a Bear - Nothing on Earth - scene from the play - March 2023



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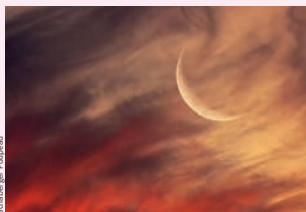
Rich Mix - Arab Women Artists Now Festival - image courtesy of Rich Mix



Rich Mix - Human Rights Watch Film Festival - still from the trailer for the film 'The Girl on the Train'



Roman Road Square Market - Fashion Afribeana - image © Afribeana



Royal Museums Greenwich - National Maritime Museum - image © Current Moat in a flag of Salsol of Eduardo Salsol



Royal Museums Greenwich - National Maritime Museum - image © The Maritime Museum

RICH MIX cont'd

ARAB WOMEN ARTISTS NOW FESTIVAL

1-31 March Tkts boxoffice@richmix.org.uk 020 7619 7498

AWAN presented by Arts Canteen is the UK's only exclusively Arab female-led festival showcasing Arab female talent from both the UK and diaspora featuring music, spoken word, visual arts, theatre, literature, talks, performance, comedy, commissions and workshops.

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH FILM FESTIVAL

14-22 March at the Rich Mix and Barbican Centre

<https://ff.hrw.org/london>

The Festival presents films highlighting the best in human rights storytelling. Audience members can take part in Q&As after screenings.

Screenings at Rich Mix:-

Fri 15 March 8.30pm WE ARE GUARDIANS

Sun 17 March 3pm LAND OF MY DREAMS

6pm COCONUT HEAD GENERATION

Mon 18 March 6.15pm INSHALLAH A BOY

Tues 19 March 6.15pm POWER ALLEY

Thurs 21 March 6.15pm TREE OF VIOLENCE

ROMAN ROAD SQUARE MARKET E2 ORN

Bethnal Green tube www.Afribeana.com

EXHIBITION AFRIBEANAFEST

Sat 2 March 12noon-5pm FREE

More than just a market/mini food festival, it's a celebration of culture, community and creativity showcasing the best small and large black owned businesses.

ROYAL MUSEUMS GREENWICH

Cutty Sark, National Maritime Museum, Royal Observatory,

The Queen's House SE10 9HT Cutty Sark DLR

www.rmg.co.uk 020 8858 4422

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH COMMON GROUND

Fri 8 March 11am-4pm ages 15+ FREE

Visit the Queen's House to take part in activities relating to this year's IWD theme: *Inspiring Inclusion*. Influenced by the new display at the National Maritime Museum, *Pioneers : A Renaissance in South Asian Creativity* as well as new artwork going on display in the Queen's House, the day will look back at pioneering South Asian women and reclaiming the creative feminine.

EVENING OF ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY National Maritime Museum

Fri 8 March 6pm-8pm ages 11+ Adults £12/£8.50 concs

An after-hours panel discussion on IWD highlighting and celebrating the work of women in astrophotography, from pioneers like Annie Maunder to the modern day. Guests include judges and astrophotographers from the Astronomy Photographer of the Year competition. Following the discussion ticket holders will be able to view the exhibition of shortlisted and winning photographs.

WOMEN OF THE RNLI TOUR

National Maritime Museum, Special Exhibitions Gallery

Fri 22 March 2pm-3pm £10/ £7/£5 on a pay what you can basis.

Join the curators of the National maritime Museum on a tour of this new exhibition celebrating the bicentenary of the RNLI and the vital role women have, and always had, in saving lives at sea.

ST MARGARET'S HOUSE

21 Old Ford Road E2 9PL Bethnal green tube
www.stmargarethouse.org.uk 020 8980 2092

MAD WOMEN

Sun 17 March 3pm Tks £10/£5

Feminist, Witty, Fearless.....a play inspired by three outstanding female Latin American artists who struggled with their mental health. *Mad Women* is a fictional portrayal of their hectic mental journeys through bipolar disorder. Written by acclaimed Latin American playwright Constanza Holla Chamy.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

27 Aberfeldy Street, E14 0NU East India DLR
<http://thepeoplespeak.org.uk> 020 3417 8586

TALKAOKE - WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL

Wed 27 March 5pm-7pm FREE

Talkaoke is an interactive talk show where you decide on the topics for discussion. Just grab the mic and have your say!
 The People Speak is an East London Arts Collective.

TOWER HAMLETS IDEA STORES & LIBRARIES

The idea Stores and Libraries will display books by women writers and books themed around Women's History Month. There will also be some special events.

CUBITT TOWN LIBRARY

Strattondale Street, E14 3HG Crosssharbour DLR
www.ideastore.co.uk 020 7897 3152

WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

Thurs 14 March 11.15am-12.45pm FREE

Geoff Cosson looks at how women in East London played a part in the fight for the right to vote. It was not until 1928 that all women gained the same voting rights as men.

TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

277 Bancroft Road E1 4DQ Stepney Green/Mile End tube
www.ideastore.co.uk/localhistory 020 7364 1290

HYENAS IN PETTICOATS

Sat 2 March 2pm-4pm Doors 1.30pm FREE

With Katy McGahan, Mizgin Mujde Arslan, Kirsty Edginton, Catherine Phillips, Madeline Hartley Salim, Lydia Julien, Noemi Menendez, Angela Byrne, Carol Gyasi, Susan Croft.

A screening of short films made by participants of Hyenas in Petticoats women's radical filmmaking course led by Kathy McGahan and Mizgin Mujde Arslan at Newington Green Meeting House in 2023. These short documentary films cover a range of topics including environmental activism, gentrification, concepts of home, women's relationships with the city, love and loss.

EAST END HISTORY CLUB: Women's Revolt!

Sat 16 March, 11am-1pm FREE

In partnership with The Women's Library at LSE we will be exploring how women in the East End resisted and fought for their liberation. Whether it was for voting rights, better living conditions, equal pay or better health and family care, you will have the opportunity to



St Margaret's House: Mad Women - Image © Constanza Holla Chamy



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Women's History Month



Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives:
Back in 1979, the turning point
Bringing the women's movement
into the mainstream



Trapped in Zone One, Move and Stretch
Trapping in a trap zone in Zone One



Whitechapel Gallery - Zine Sedira: Dreams Have
No Titles
From Dreams Have No Titles at the Venice Biennale
to the Whitechapel Gallery



Zine Sedira: Installation view from Dreams
Have No Titles
Nationalgalerie der Gegenwart, Berlin 2022
Zine Sedira: Dreams Have No Titles at the Whitechapel Gallery



Women's Library at LSE - LSE Library Late -
Celebrating the Women's Library
Image courtesy of the Women's Library & LSE
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Women's Library at LSE - Why Period Art Matters
Illustration from the book Period Matters:
Illustration by Sarah Wilson, Curator of the Culture

TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY & ARCHIVES cont'd

look through material from both our collections. There will also be a badge-making activity for those who feel inspired to mark their own mini protest!

BRICK LANE 1978: the turning point

Until 16 March. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Thurs to 7pm, (closed 1pm-2pm on Mon & Fri) 1st & 3rd Sat of the month 10am-5pm FREE

An exhibition of unique photographs by Paul Trevor documenting the East End's Anti Racist uprising, accompanied by first person testimonies and archival displays, originally produced by Four Corners and the Swadhinata Trust – chair Julie Begum, and supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

TRAPPED IN ZONE ONE

Wellington Way Health Centre, 1A wellington Way E3 4NE

Bow Road tube www.trappedinzoneone.com 07870590402

MOVE and STRETCH

Wed 6 March 10am-12noon FREE

Free weekly fitness session for women, offering a combination of Pilates and stretching to improve the health and wellbeing in an in-person group-based activity.

WHITECHAPEL GALLERY

77-82 Whitechapel High Street E1 7QX Aldgate East tube

www.whitechapelgallery.org 020 7522 7888

ZINEB SEDIRA: Dreams Have No Titles

Until 12 May Tues-Sun 11am-6pm Thurs 11am-9pm

£12.50/£9.50 concs

Galleries 1,2,8 and 9

Zineb Sedira is a French-Algerian artist. She was born in France, and lives and works in London. The exhibition addresses a pivotal movement in the history of cultural, intellectual and avant-garde filmmaking during the 1960s and 70s – particularly across France, Italy and Algeria. This fertile period was especially important for pursuing filmmaking as a vehicle for collaborative practice, and as an instrument to express solidarity with liberation struggles and promote social change. Installations inspired by scenes from co-productions provide a stage for the artist to tell her own histories of decolonisation and displacement, solidarity, freedom and hope.

WOMEN'S LIBRARY at LSE

10 Portugal Street, WC2A 2AD Holborn/Temple tube

www.lse.ac.uk/library/events

LSE LIBRARY LATE (Holborn) Celebrating the Women's Library

Thurs 7 March 6pm-9pm FREE

Come and find out about how we collect, digitise, catalogue and how you can use the collection to inspire your own research, art and other activities. There will be archives on display in the Reading Room, behind the scene tour of the vault, and of the digitisation suite, drop-in art activity, refreshments an opportunity to meet our partner organisations and other feminist libraries and archives.

WHY PERIOD ART MATTERS

Thurs 14 March 4pm-6pm FREE

Join Farah Ahamed for this special workshop where examples of art

IMAGE: PORTRAIT OF ANNE LISTER, © C. J. SHERIDAN, WILSON

WOMAN: "RING" - PORTRAIT OF SYLVIA LAWRENCE (1895, Courtesy: Museum of London)

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