

Steven Ball	Pascal Berthier	Polly Betton
Simon Bird	Chaz and Dave	Jennifer Dubet
Rosie Edwards	Fashion Art Leisure	Rosemary Hudson
Ellie Kilburn	Boris Kislitsime	Kate Lane
Lennie Lee	Onnalin Lojanagosin	Sam Messenger
Spilt Milk	Mark McGowan	Ben McGibbon
Claire O'Brien	Mayuko Ogawa	Simon Ould
Paown!!	Ollie Plant	Bede Rogerson
Vicki Thornton	Bella Vernon	Jesse Wade
Willy & Fanny	Graham Woodall	

ADVENT: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

17 December – 21 December 2004

PRESS PREVIEW 15 December, 3 – 6PM

PRIVATE VIEW 15 December 6:30PM featuring 'Artist Eats Fox' by Mark McGowan and performances by Lennie Lee and Paown!! Audiovisual by Spilt Milk.

The original meaning of the word 'advent' and the customary 'advent calendar' are the inspiration for this group show which will transform the 'The Fitting Shop' at Trinity Buoy Wharf into an 'advent theatre' from Friday 17 December.

Using the device of the advent calendar as a starting point the exhibition itself consists of 25 individual doorways with the work of the artists and designers installed behind the doors. The work consists of various forms including video, performance, illustration and sculpture.

Viewing the artwork is a close experience, both on a visual and a tangible level. Viewers are invited to open doors to engage with the artists work and in some cases encouraged to intrude into varying sized spaces.

Providing a visual relief from the seasonal imagery, the work embraces the feeling of the unexpected and the anticipation that the opening of a door provides. Enclosed behind doors are the precious, the secret, the forbidden, the valuable and the intimate. The artist's invite you to consider how doors are used to separate spaces such as between the public and the private space and the sacred or the secular space.

Featured artists and works include; international artist Lennie Lee who has shown at The ICA, The Barbican Centre and The Italian Pavilion at The Venice Biennale; the performance art of south London contemporary artist Mark McGowan, currently showing in 'Yesvember' at the House Gallery in Camberwell; Simon Ould, also currently in the same show; a new film by artist Vicki Thornton and a video by young film-maker Onnalin Lojanagosin.

Also on show is contemporary knitwear sculpture by Claire O'Brian and Rosie Edwards; audiovisual work by graphic designers Shaun Mills and Hani Abdula who recently packed out the ICA with 'Spilt Milk'; a peepshow by French fashion designer Jennifer Dubet; a new illustration installation by Bede Rogerson who exhibited in NineStrokeTwelve at the Coningsby gallery; the work of KT and Hanra from independent magazine 'Fashion Art Leisure' and new work by Sam Messenger currently showing at the Royal College of Art.

To launch the exhibition on Wednesday 15th December there will be live performances from circus act Paown!! and performances from Lennie Lee and Mark McGowan.

EVENTS AND EDUCATION

PRIVATE VIEW

WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 6:30PM

'Artist Eats Fox' by Mark McGowan, performances by Lennie Lee and Paown!! Audiovisual courtesy of Spilt Milk.

PERFORMANCE AND MUSIC OPENING NIGHT

FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER 6:30PM

A special opening evening featuring performances from Lenny Lee and Paown!! and live music from Trip Hazard, United Vibrations and Virgin & Brains. Also poetry from Grassy Noel and music from Sonic360.

CLOSING TALK and SEMINAR; CHAIRED BY JAMIE COWLING (IPPR)

MONDAY 20 DECEMBER, 7PM.

Writer and researcher Jamie Cowling leads this evening of discussion about access to the arts that considers, among other topics the responsibility of young artists and designers today to help facilitate that access.

Visitor information

ADVENT: behind closed doors: 17 December – 21 December 2004

Free admission Friday – Tuesday 12-6pm Evening events – see details.

THE FITTING SHOP at Trinity Buoy Wharf (Urban Space Management)

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GETTING THERE:

East India DLR 5 mins walk - follow ADVENT signs

Bus 277 to the Town Hall on north side of East India station and follow ADVENT signs

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Notes to editors

1. The press preview for ADVENT is Wednesday 15 December 3pm-6pm.
2. The exhibiting artists are a mixture of young South London based artists and designers and mid career artists linked by a challenging approach to media
3. London based artist and designer Jim Woodall and web designer and animator Elisabetta Tuan are the curators of ADVENT.
4. Thanks to Jackie Burgess for project management, Jason Playford and Keith Mangan for construction work and Caxton Print and EDI imaging for printing. Thanks also to Budvar and The Funky Munky for bar.
5. Trinity Buoy Wharf is managed by Trinity Buoy Wharf Space Management (TBWSM), a subsidiary of Urban Space Management. TBWSM was selected to run the site by the London Docklands Development Corporation following a competition that was held in 1997.
6. Urban Space Management has been involved in the creation and management of craft workshops, visitor attractions, mixed arts/cultural enterprises and leisure spaces since the early 1970s. Projects include Camden Lock, Old Spitalfields Market, Gabriel's Wharf and Greenwich Market.