

# **The London Group Open 2023**

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This catalogue is dedicated to

Anne Cloudsley (1915 - 2012)

and generously funded in her memory.

Elected to the Group in 2002

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Introduction Welcome to The London Group Open 2023. This is our 85th open exhibition since the formation of the Group in 1913. For 110 years we have been operating under the objective set out for us by our founding members - 'to advance public awareness of contemporary visual art' with exhibitions 'containing whenever possible non-members' work.' The Open is our opportunity to honour these founding principles. We are very excited to see this exhibition come to fruition, creating a dialogue between both members and non-members.

We had an incredible response to the open call. Hanging Team Lead Jockel Liess writes:

'The quality and scope of the nearly two thousand entries provided a beautiful and exciting snapshot of the current artistic practice in the UK. It was a wonderful and interesting privilege to get such a comprehensive insight into the aesthetic as well as socio-political concerns that are raised by and inform artists within their practice today. The selection panel tried to represent some of this great diversity within the difficult choices that we had to make to narrow down the entries for this year's exhibition. We do hope that our audiences and fellow artists will come to enjoy and appreciate the works as much as we do.'

The London Group are delighted to offer over £10,000 in prizes to the non-member artists and we are incredibly grateful to all our prize givers. Many have been awarding prizes for several years and we thank them for their generous support. And of course, thank you to all the artists for sharing their remarkable insight, provocation, care and creativity. As Jockel Liess says, this is an exhibition 'that will stimulate your senses as well as your mind.'

### **Amanda Loomes, President**

Many thanks to: Vice-President and Open Committee Lead Darren Nisbett; Deputy Vice-President Charlotte C. Mortensson; Hon Secretary Paul Bonomini; Treasurer Ian Parker; Exhibitions Committee Lead Gillian Ingham; Hanging Team Lead Jockel Liess, supported by the above plus Sandra Crisp, Marenka Gabeler, Tommy Seaward and Paul Tecklenberg; Online Communications Committee Genetic Moo and David Wiseman. Thank you to the London Group Secretary Amy Owen and the Selection Committee for all their time. And thanks to Hannah Luxton for producing this catalogue.

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