

ALL MEN BY NATURE DESIRE TO KNOW

FRIDAY 13 JANUARY – FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2017

» STEFANIA BATOEVA » FLORA KLEIN
» ALAN MICHAEL » AUDREY REYNOLDS

Curated by Joshua Lockwood, with accompanying text by Rachal Bradley.

We live in an era of globalisation and interconnectivity, with an ever-growing amount of information and images easily available at our fingertips.

Painting, once the dominant medium in western visual culture, is now just one in a range of contemporary art genres. It is clear painting will not return to the pre-eminent position it once had, but will any other visual medium achieve the status painting held?

All Men By Nature Desire To Know brings together four invited artists who see painting as a significant part of their practice. The history of painting is continuously being overlaid and re-written by artists for whom the act of painting is both an accumulative and contentious process – influences are being absorbed and rejected.

The artists within this exhibition produce work that broadens and challenges the traditional form of painting, bringing their personal histories to their practice as well as traversing what has gone before. Each painting is self-contained as well as being part of a continuum; painting practice is opening out into other spaces, creating dialogues and furthering debate.

FURTHER READING

» STEFANIA BATOEVA

(b. 1981 Sofia, Bulgaria), lives and works in London. Graduated from the Royal College of Art in 2014.

Stefania has produced new works specifically for All Men By Nature Desire To Know.

Recent solo exhibitions include:

- » Speeding to the Corner, Nicodim Gallery, Los Angeles, 2015
- » Angela Is Sliding, Galeria Nicodim, Bucharest, 2014
- » PAUL, Sariev Contemporary, Plovdiv, 2014

Recent group exhibitions include:

- » Club Caligula, Supplement, London, 2016
- » With Institutions Like These... curated by Victor Wany, Averard Hotel, London, 2016
- » Tia Deth (with Adriano Costa), Emalin, London, 2015

» FLORA KLEIN

(*1988 Bern, Switzerland), lives and works in Berlin. Graduated with a BA in Fine Arts at ECAL, Lausanne in 2013.

Flora is showing new works which have not been seen in the UK before.

Recent solo exhibition:

- » Flora Klein, Galerie Max Mayer, Düsseldorf and Oracle, Berlin, 2016

Recent group exhibitions include:

- » Christian Andersen, Copenhagen, 2016;
- » Undisturbed Solitude, Kunsthaus, Hamburg, 2016
- » Stuttgart, Francesca Pia, Zürich, 2016

» ALAN MICHAEL

(b.1967 Paisley, Scotland), lives and works in London.

Alan has produced new works specifically for All Men By Nature Desire To Know.

Recent solo exhibitions include:

- » About a work #9, Galeria Zero, Milan, 2015
- » P.A, Vilma Gold, London, 2014
- » Calvinistic Girls, High Art, Paris, 2014

Recent group exhibitions include:

- » Dead Ends, curated by Kari Rittenbach at 1001 44th Rd, New York City, 2016
- » Le Bourgeois, 3236RLS, London
- » The Painting Show, CAC Vilnius, Lithuania, 2016

» AUDREY REYNOLDS

Lives and works in London and Folkestone. Studied at Bath College of Art and at Chelsea College of Art, London.

Audrey has produced new works specifically for All Men By Nature Desire To Know.

Solo exhibitions include:

- » Thirteenth and Third Girl, Ancient & Modern, London, 2014 and 2012
- » Anote, Outpost, Norwich, 2011
- » Bayard Eade, The Dock, Carrick-on-Shannon, Ireland, 2011

A collection of her writing will be published by AkermanDaly in Spring 2017.

» RACHAL BRADLEY

(b. 1979 Blackpool), currently lives and works in Nottingham where she is a lecturer in the Fine Art department of Nottingham Trent University.

An ongoing archive of Bradley's writing is to be found at www.rachalbradley.eu

» JOSHUA LOCKWOOD

(b. 1991), lives and works in Nottingham. Joshua is an artist based at One Thoresby Street, he is also a curator and co-director of TG Gallery.

Recent group exhibition:

- » S1/OTS, One Thoresby Street, Nottingham 2015

Previous curated exhibitions and film programmes include:

- » Viewpoints, The Collection and Usher Gallery, Lincoln (with catalogue), 2015
- » The 8 Artistic Principles, Attic, Nottingham, 2014
- » Bonington Filmnights #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5, Bonington Gallery, 2015-2016

Joshua was also in residence at Lincoln University & The Collection, Lincoln from 2014-2015.

- » Attachments and Assignations, Cubitt, London, 2014