## Cypher BILLBOARD Presents:

## **FAKERS**

An exhibition organised by Erin Hughes, Holly Graham & Amba Sayal-Bennett

Artists: Victoria Adam, Cecilia Charlton, Lauren Godfrey, Holly Graham, Erin Hughes, Lauren Keeley, Milly Peck, Scarlett Platel, Amba Sayal-Bennett, Rhea Storr, Reina Sugihara

Preview: Friday 30 November 2018, 6.30-8.30pm

Exhibition Dates: 1-16 December 2018



Erin Hughes, 'Floor Me 3' (detail), 2018

FAKERS brings together eleven female artists whose work demonstrates a deep understanding of technical process. The exhibition explores how their contemporary methods are able to question and redefine historical and gendered notions of the term 'craft'. The feminist politics present in the show does not conceptually underpin the individual works but arises through the material act of making.

Accompanying the exhibition is a booklet with a text written by Adriana Blidaru.

#### Events:

## **Threads of Interest Tour**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 4pm At Thames-Side Studios Gallery

# **Booklet Binding and Informal Discussion Group**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 4pm At Thames-Side Studios Gallery

Thames-Side Studios Gallery, Thames-Side Studios Harrington Way, Warspite Road Royal Borough of Greenwich London SE18 5NR www.thames-sidestudios.co.uk The gallery is open Thursday-Sunday 12-5pm during exhibitions and by appointment.





**Erin Hughes** received her MA in Painting at the Royal College of Art, London 2018. After completing her BA in Fine Art at the Ruskin School of Art, Oxford, she spent four years living and working in Berlin. She is a co-founder of Cypher Space, Berlin and Cypher Billboard, London.

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**Holly Graham** is a London-based artist. She undertook her BFA at Oxford University and graduated from MA Printmaking at the Royal College of Art in 2014, where she received the Thames Barrier Print Studio Graduate Award and the Augustus Martin Award for Innovation in Print. She is a co-founder of Cypher Billboard, London. www.hollygraham.co.uk

**Amba Sayal-Bennett** lives and works in London. She received her BFA from Oxford University, her MA in The History of Art from The Courtauld Institute, and her PhD in Art Practice and Learning from Goldsmiths. She is currently studying Sculpture at the Royal College of Art. She is a co-founder of Cypher Billboard, London. www.ambasb.com

**Adriana Blidaru** is a curator, the editor and founder of the project Living Content. She has written for different magazines such as Kaleidoscope, The Brooklyn Rail, CURA Magazine, and Revista ARTA. She holds a Master Degree in Curatorial Studies from Bard College and a BFA from Oxford University and currently lives in New York. www.adrianablidaru.com

**Victoria Adam** lives and works in London. She graduated from Royal Academy Schools in 2015. Recent exhibitions include: *Orchardwhitelighting,* LUNGLEY; *A Healthy Soil,* Hunter Whitfield; *Zabludowicz Invites,* London; *Leks,* Marian Cramer Projects, Amsterdam; and *Concrete Matters,* Bank Space Gallery, London. www.victoriaadam.co.uk

**Cecilia Charlton** is an American-born artist living and working in London. She received her BFA from Hunter College and her MA in Painting from the Royal College of Art. Recent exhibitions include: *Lifeline as Medium*, 532 Gallery, NYC; *SURGE:* the East Wing Biennial, Courtauld Institute, London; Rogue Objects, UCL, London; Living Room, Safehouse 1 & 2, London. In June 2018 she completed her MA Painting at the Royal College of Art. www.ceciliacharlton.com

**Lauren Godfrey** is an artist based in London. Recent exhibitions and collaborations include *Hidden Harlequin* with Lauren Coullard at Centre For Recent Drawing, London; *Alimentari* solo show at Geddes Gallery, London; *House Work*, 53 Beck Road, curated by Art Licks; *Doing Easy*, Outpost Projects, Joshua Tree; a swimwear display for Karen Mabon at Les Filles in Lisbon and a jewellery display for SVP at House Of Voltaire, London. www.laurengodfrey.co.uk

Lauren Keeley lives and works in London. She received her BFA from The Ruskin School of Fine Art, University of Oxford and her MFA from the Slade School of Fine Art. Recent exhibitions include: 31 Women, Breese Little, London; MK Calling, Milton Keynes Gallery, Milton Keynes; and The Most Brilliant Amongst the Masks, the American Academy, Rome. www.laurenkeeley.com

**Milly Peck** graduated from MA Sculpture at the Royal College of Art in 2016 where she was awarded The David Troostwyk/Matt's Gallery Studio Award. She is also a recipient of a Jerwood Visual Arts Artist Bursary, 2018. Recent shows include: Survey, Jerwood Space, London; The Slip, Tintype, London; Pressure Head, Assembly Point, London; Rinse and Repeat, Cypher Billboard, London. www.millypeck.com

**Scarlett Platel** is a London based artist and recent graduate of The Royal College of Art. In 2018 she was awarded The Labyrinth Lab and Mentorship Award, The New Contemporary Art Prize and The Metro Imaging Mentorship Award. Recent exhibitions include: *Pingyao International Photography Festival*, China; *Brighton Photo Fringe Festival*, Brighton; and *The European Photography Prize*, Fondazione Fotografia Modena. www.scarlettplatel.com

Rhea Storr received her BFA from The Ruskin School of Fine Art, University of Oxford and her MA in Contemporary Art Practice from the Royal College of Art. Recent screenings include: Hamburg International Short Film Festival; Black British Shorts, ICA; Crossroads Film Festival, San Francisco; Affinities, Or, The Weight of Cinema, National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington DC. She is the inaugural winner of the Louis Le Prince Experimental Film Prize. www.rheastorr.com

**Reina Sugihara** is a Japanese artist who lives and works in London and Tokyo. She received her BA from Tokyo University of the Arts and her MA in Painting from the Royal College of Art. She is a co-founder of imlabor which is an artist collective project based in Tokyo. www.reinasugihara.info

**Cypher BILLBOARD** is a project by artist collective Cypher, that seeks to commission artists to produce responsive site-specific artworks for a billboard space in Bounds Green, London. The site hopes to challenge conventions of display, and act as a launch-pad for generating conversations, through a series of satellite events. www.cypherbillboard.com