

Heallreaf 3

Espacio Gallery, 159 Bethnal Green Rd, London E2 7DG

15th October - 26th October 2019

1pm - 7pm Tuesday to Saturday

1pm - 5pm Sunday

PV - Thursday 17th October - 6pm - 8pm

www.heallreaf.com

Tapestries are all about narrative, they have told stories since their heyday in the middle ages and this exhibition of contemporary work is no different although you will find no medieval maidens or unicorns here.

Each piece captures a moment in the story but that moment is fixed slowly by the artist as each layer of weft threads lay down the image of the moment. In this fast age full of technology and instant gratification it is encouraging that some artists are still willing to sit at a loom for weeks, months and even years on end to produce such remarkable works of art.

Some are small exquisite jewels such as 'First Impression' by Bridget Lane but then we move to the larger abstract work of artists like Angela Forte (Vermillion Sky) or Margaret Jones (The Fallen). Spend time with them and they will reward you with their half hidden stories and their beauty.

Heallreaf is an old English word meaning a tapestry hung on a wall in a public place so the name was chosen to define these biannual exhibitions of hand woven tapestry. Heallreaf 3 includes 40 pieces of tapestry from artists across the world including the US, New Zealand, Israel and Europe. For some of these artists it is the first time they have exhibited in the UK.

Exhibiting Artists:

Alastair Duncan

Amanda Gizzi

Anat Peleg

Anet Brusgaard

Angela Forte

Anne Jackson

Anne-Elise Angas

Barbara Burns

Barbara Rowell

Beth Smith

Birgitta Halberg

Bridget Lane

Christine Paine

Christine Sawyer

Cos Ahmet

Don Burns

Dot Seddon

Elizabeth Chester

Elizabeth Radcliffe

Elke Hulse

Ellen Ramsey

Emma Straw

Fanny Aboulker

Frances Crowe

Gillian Bull

Heidi Flaxman

Jane Riley

Jilly Edwards

Joan Baxter

Joanne Soroka

Lija Rage

Lin Squires

Louise Martin

Margaret Jones

Matty Smith

Michelle Driver

Patricia Armour

Ruth Bell

Samani Gasimova

Soon Yul Kang