

sid motion gallery

presents the fifth exhibition in this new gallery space in London's Kings Cross

Matter out of Place

A solo show by Jo Dennis

19 January - 24 February 2017

Private view: Tuesday 17 January 2017 | 6-9pm



The gallery is delighted to present a solo exhibition by the British artist Jo Dennis. The exhibition merges new paintings, photography, sculpture and installation.

Dennis' practice explores people and place by documenting worn and well-used spaces. Through photographing dilapidated walls, Dennis focuses on the aesthetic of the layered, textured surfaces and through her painting and installation she suggests the urban renewal of city spaces. By doing so she explores our emotional connection to places of shared memory, and the atmosphere created by this hidden and revealed history.

Degradation and the covering, renewal and redecorating of place are themes key to Dennis' work. She explores these themes in her physical approach to painting, by applying the medium in loose gestural strokes in a way to cover up and renew or to guide the eye around the imagery.

The images of the walls become 'found' abstract paintings – in turn, the works become a record of the time that has eroded these surfaces and reveal the domestic, un-fantastic banality of everyday existence. For Dennis there is a poetic profundity to this erosion. Her composition and cropping of photographs, allied to her paintings and sculpture, together expand these ideas using a process of abstracting and reframing imagery.

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Jo Dennis will speak in conversation with art historian and curator, specialising in photography and the moving image, Rodrigo Orrantia and Sid Motion on Wednesday 8th February, at 7pm.
To reserve a place, please RSVP to info@sidmotiongallery.co.uk

'If we can abstract pathogenicity and hygiene from our notion of dirt, we are left with the old definition of dirt as matter out of place.'

Dame Mary Douglas
Purity and Danger: An Analysis of the Concepts of Pollution and Taboo (1966)

Jo Dennis (b 1973, UK) graduated from a BA in Fine Art and Contemporary Critical Theory from Goldsmiths College, London in 2002.

Dennis has exhibited internationally. Recent exhibitions include *Cropped Up* at AMP Gallery, UK; *Acca Atelier* at Galfa 20, Italy; *Working from Home* at AMP Gallery (for *Artlicks Weekend*), UK; and a solo booth at *The Others Art Fair*, Truman Brewery, UK. Dennis' work has been included extensively in group exhibitions including at the ICA and The Royal Academy of Arts, in London. Dennis lives and works in London.

Sid Motion graduated from University of the Arts in 2010. She has held positions at Max Wigram Gallery and David Zwirner in London, and continues to manage the artistic programmes at Photo London. Motion opened the gallery in early June 2016 to present work by a range of fresh, vibrant artists, working in different media, and to introduce a forum for conversation, education and development through a varied programme.

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Opening Hours: Thursday - Saturday 12 - 6pm

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