Jo Dennis Off-site: 'Autonomous Zone'



13 November – 22 November 2020



Ladywell Treasures #1, 2018 Unique hand finished photograph Giclée on Fine Art Photo Rag and acrylic paint 68 × 55 cm Edition 2 of 3



Ladywell Treasures #2, 2018 Unique hand finished photograph Giclée on Fine Art Photo Rag and acrylic paint 68 × 55 cm Edition 1 of 3



Ladywell Treasures #5, 2018 Unique hand finished photograph C-type on Fuji Archive paper and acrylic paint 68 × 55 cm Edition 2 of 3



Ladywell Treasures #6, 2018 Unique hand finished photograph Giclée on Fine Art Photo Rag and acrylic paint 68 × 55 cm Edition 1 of 3



Matter of Consequence No.2, 2017 Giclee photograph on coated wooden panel, acrylic paint 100 × 100 cm Edition 2 of 3



Vacant Positions No.1, 2017 Giclée on Fine Art Photo Rag Framed in bespoke wooden frame 50 × 37.5 cm Edition 1 of 6



Vacant Positions No.2, 2017 Giclée on Fine Art Photo Rag Framed in bespoke wooden frame 50 × 37.5 cm Edition 1 of 6



Vacant Positions No.4, 2017 Giclée on Fine Art Photo Rag 50 × 37.5 cm Edition 1 of 6



Vacant Positions No.6, 2017 Giclée on Fine Art Photo Rag 50 × 37.5 cm Edition 2 of 6



Vacant Positions No.8, 2017 Giclée on Fine Art Photo Rag 50 × 37.5 cm Edition 4 of 6



Inside Looking Inside, 2018 Ink jet print, acrylic and spray paint on acetate 30×23 cm (framed)



Fire and Water, 2018 Found object, acrylic, spray paint, Ink jet print, wood and glass $94 \times 61 \text{ cm}$



Fire and Water, 2018 Found object, acrylic, spray paint, Ink jet print, wood and glass 94 × 61 cm



Untitled, 2018 Found object, acrylic, spray paint, Ink jet print, glass Framed in bespoke wooden tray frame 42.5 × 66 cm



Untitled, 2020 Found glass, acrylic, spray paint, ink and acetate 107 \times 50 cm



Untitled, 2020 Found glass, acrylic and spray paint 107 × 44 cm



Untitled, 2020 Found glass, acrylic, spray paint, ink and acetate $80 \times 41 \text{ cm}$



Untitled, 2020 (Dutch window) Found window, acrylic, spray paint, ink and acetate 140 × 76 cm



Untitled, 2020 (Diptych) Found glass, acrylic, spray paint, ink and acetate 76 × 46 cm



Shifting Sands – The Waste Land 01, 2020 Chromaluxe archival print on aluminium 100 × 70 cm Edition 1 of 6



Shifting Sands – The Waste Land 04, 2020 Chromaluxe archival print on aluminium 100 × 70 cm Edition 1 of 6



Shifting Sands – The Waste Land 06, 2020 Chromaluxe archival print on aluminium 100 × 70 cm Edition 1 of 6



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For the launch of Jo Dennis' first artist book *I touched this with my hand, I touched that with my eye* Sid Motion Gallery invites the audience to experience *Autonomous Zone,* a site-specific installation in Dennis' studio on the Old Kent Road in South East London.

Dennis' book brings together images of building sites, derelict spaces, rubbish found on the street and other areas of urban ruin alongside artworks and installations she has made. The book acts as a kind of hand book to her ongoing research into new and urban ruins, looking at the discarded objects left on streets as a way of understanding notions of temporality and nostalgia whilst questioning the role that materiality, surface and paint play throughout these spaces. The book contains an essay written by David Campany in response to Dennis' work.

Taking her lead from David Campany's essay, Dennis has created an installation which zigzags across process, materials and finished object. From studio into artwork and personal into public space, an environment where her concerns with time, mortality and residue sit hand in hand with her new book.

"She makes work in different media, and each is itself understood as being thoroughly mixed. It is hard to look at some of the images here without thinking also about painting, or sculpture or performance, and it is hard to imagine the artist not being open to, and fascinated by this hybridity, this specific impurity. And I mention it because I suspect there is some deep connection between photography's inevitable marginality and uncertainty as a medium, and the attraction that photographers have to marginal and uncertain spaces. The medium not being one thing or another finds itself well suited to spaces that are not one thing or another."

David Campany

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Jo Dennis (b. 1973, UK) is a British multi-disciplinary artist working and living in London. She studied Fine Art and Contemporary Critical Theory at Goldsmiths College London and is currently at Royal College of Art London MA Painting graduating in 2022. Her work has been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions both in the UK and internationally including at The Royal Academy of Arts and at the ICA London. Recent exhibitions include, Hurry Up Please, It's Time, at Seen Fifteen Gallery London, A Kind of Solid Liquid, a solo show at Sid Motion Gallery London, a solo presentation in the Discovery section at Photo London and at Sluice Exchange a group exhibition in Berlin. She has been featured in the Financial Times Magazine, British Journal of Photography, The Washington Post, Unseen Platform, The Art Newspaper, Port, Fad Magazine and AnOther.

She is the co-founder of Asylum and Maverick Projects an artist lead organisation running project spaces in London. From 2016 - 18 she founded and curated AMP Gallery a not for profit exhibition space. She is the co- founder of Peckham 24 Photography Festival and as part of this was the recipient of a Grants for the Arts from Arts Council England.



