

Fruitmarket exhibition will celebrate women artists during its 50-year history

The new exhibition at Fruitmarket will celebrate all the women artists who have contributed to the history of the gallery during the last half century.

Holly Davey was invited in 2022 to look through the gallery's archives in what is described as a "controlled rummage" before making new work for the big birthday.

She was captivated by Scottish Sculpture '75 an exhibition of eleven men, ten of whom were students at Edinburgh College of Art. Rather than dwelling on the men, Davey wondered who their female contemporaries were who had been missed out. Her research led her to sculptor, Ann Henderson, a 1945 graduate, who taught at ECA until 1976 when she died.



Exterior of Fruitmarket Gallery during the Open exhibition, July 1990

Henderson also features in *The Unforgetting* which is a way of Davey paying tribute to the 354 women who have shown their work at Fruitmarket since it opened in 1974. The work will see and hear about women whose stories could (and in her view should) be part of what we know today. Davey has crafted small terracotta figurines modelled on Henderson's *Little Bather* to stand in for the women. She names them in an audio work which runs on a continuous loop with a printed script. This chorus of women will inhabit the gallery in this way inviting the audience to move around and through it.

There will be one live performance of the audio work featuring Jill Smith (formerly Bruce). She was the first woman to exhibit in *The Manifestations of the Obsessions and Fantasies of Bruce Lacey and Jill Bruce* at Fruitmarket in 1975. She is also a performance artist and will perform the script live beginning with her own name and ending with Holly Davey's name.

Artist Holly Davey said: “It has been a privilege to be able to explore Fruitmarket’s rich history, looking at all aspects of the archive: meeting agendas; exhibition slides and photographs; letters from artists; shipping documents; publications; as well as the gallery’s dynamic exhibition history. It was an incredible experience to pull all these women’s names together in a process of unforgetting. I see it as a celebration rather than commemoration of women artists, past, present and in the future. I am only able to make this work because of all the amazing women that came before me. Their work made this possible.”

Fiona Bradley, Fruitmarket’s Director said: “This year Fruitmarket turns 50 and we are celebrating all year with a programme that brings the very best of Scottish, British, and international visual art and culture to Edinburgh. We have been looking back to look forward, working with artists to breathe life into our archive and we are excited to welcome Davey to share her discoveries and celebrate the many women in our programme over the last 50 years.”



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Exhibition Preview

18 October 2024 5.30–7.30pm. Free. All welcome

Artist's Talk and Performance

25 October 2024 6–8pm. Free. All welcome.

Davey will be in conversation with Ruth Bretherick and Fiona Bradley as part of an event featuring a performance by Jill Smith of the audio work which is at the heart of *The Unforgetting*.

Holly Davey *The Unforgetting*

19 October to 17 November

Fruitmarket Warehouse.

Open daily 11am–6pm. Free.

fruitmarket.co.uk

List of women who exhibited at Fruitmarket since 1974

Jill Bruce (1975)
Marina Abramovic (1975)
Ida Biard (1975)
Sanja Iveković (1975)
Nuša Dragan (1975)
Joan Hills (1975-76)
Sarah Charlesworth (1976)
Eileen Lawrence (1976)
Tina Chaden (1976)
Anne Gauldin (1976)
Inari Krohn (1977)
Maryrose Pilcher (1978)
Claire Smith (1979)
Jody Pinto (1979)
Tamara Krikorian (1979)

Anthea Lewis (1979)
Kaye Lynch (1979)
Ellen McCann (1979)
Patricia Quinn (1979)
Mary Toms (1979)
Maggi Hambling (1980)
Gillian Barlow (1980)
Elizabeth Ogilvie (1980)
Marischa Burckhardt (1981)
Lesley Foxcroft (1981)
Susan Hiller (1981)
Edda Renouf (1981)
Sam Ainsley (1981)
Katherine Keil (1981)
Linda Taylor (1981)
Judy Wilkinson (1981)
Elizabeth Blackadder (1981)
Louise Bourgeois (1981)
Lee Krasner (1981)
Janet Sobel (1981)
Jolanta Banaszkiewicz (1982)
Emilia Bohdziewicz (1982)
Lidia Cankova-Kubasiak (1982)
Maria Chojnacka (1982)
Kazimiera Frymark-Blaszczyk (1982)
Hanna Jung (1982)
Ewa Korczak-Tomaszewska (1982)
Dobrosława Kowalewska (1982)

Danuta Kowalska (1982)
Lilla Kulka (1982)
Aleksandra Mańczak (1982)
Izabella Marcjan (1982)
Jolanta Owidzka (1982)
Aleksandra Pukaczewska (1982)
Janina Tworek-Pierzgalska (1982)
Evelyn Williams (1982)
Patricia Hayes (1982)
Sonia Lawson (1982)
Shirazeh Houshiary(1982)
Nathalie du Pasquier(1983)
Mary Kelly (1985)
Atsuko Tanaka (1986)
Catrina Beevor (1986)
Christina Norton (1986)
Melanie Sainsbury (1986)
Helen Chadwick (1986)
Cindy Sherman (1986)
Marina Abramovic (1986)
Zarina Bhimji (1986)
Sonia Boyce (1986)
Veronica Ryan (1986)
Lubaina Himid (1986)
Houria Niati (1986)
Lina Gopaul (1986)
Avril Johnson (1986)
Gwen Hardie (1987)
Kate Whiteford (1987)

Nancy Spero (1987)
Cindy Sherman (1987)
Lynn Ahrens (1988)
Lesley Banks (1988)
Marie Barbour (1988)
Jane Brettle (1988)
June Carey (1988)
Fionna Carlisle (1988)
Ashley Cook (1988)
Anne Elliott (1988)
Beth Fisher (1988)
Karen Forbes (1988)
Leila Jay Galloway (1988)
Mhairi Gray (1988)
Katherine Keil (1988)
Martha L. MacDonald (1988)
Janice McNab (1988)
Jacki Parry (1988)
Helen Douglas (1988)
Aenne Biermann (1988)
Marlene Dumas (1989)
Marie-Jo Lafontaine (1989)
June Carey (1989)
Gweneth Leech (1989)
Karen Forbes (1989)
Gillian Ayres (1989)
Adriana Guerriero (1989)
Helen Flockhart (1990)
Aileen Paterson (1990)

Karen Forbes (1990)
Louise Turmine (1991)
Susan Porteous (1991)
Mary Bourne (1991)
Karen Forbes (1991)
Claire Barclay (1992)
Perminder Kaur (1992)
Anna Milsom (1992)
Tina Addison (1992)
Lesley Punton (1992)
Sarbjit Kaur (1992)
Linda Taylor (1992)
Brynhildur Thorgeirsdóttir(1992)
Hulda Hákon (1992)
Svala Sigurleifsdóttir (1992)
Eileen Lawrence (1992)
Mary Ellen Solt (1992)
Nathalie du Pasquier (1993)
Sheena Wellington (1994)
Fiona Banner (1994)
Ruth Farrington (1994)
Kerry Filer (1994)
Lucy Gunning (1994)
Karen Henderson (1994)
Mona Kher (1994)
Christine Kummer (1994)
Kerry Kyriacou (1994)
Geraldine Marks (1994)
Ruth Mylius (1994)

Mariele Neudecker (1994)
Effie Paleologou (1994)
Anita Ronke (1994)
Diana Lorenzo Saxby (1994)
Kerry Stewart (1994)
Pansy Napangati(1994)
Sonda Turner Nampitjinpa (1994)
Louisa Napaljarri Lawson (1994)
Emily Kngwarreye (1994)
Lady Nungarrayi Robertson (1994)
Bessie Nakamarra Sims (1994)
Maggie Napanangka White (1994)
Sheila Napaljarri Brown (1994)
Clarise Nampijinpa Poulson (1994)
Mabel Napaljarri Jurra (1994)
Ruby Nakamarra Collins (1994)
Norah Napaljarri Nelson (1994)
Jane Witz (1994)
Maria Blaisse (1994)
Andrea Burkhard (1994)
Karina Holmes (1994)
Kyoko Kumai (1994)
Emily DuBois (1994)
Anne Mieke Kooper (1994)
Vibeke Riisberg (1994)
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