



PRESS RELEASE

V&A Friday Late moves to Hackney Wick for October event featuring Rowdy SS, FRONTLEFT, Claudia Palazzo and Lewis G. Burton

Friday Late: This Must Be The Place

Various locations in Hackney Wick, East London

19.00 – 23.00, 25 October 2019

Admission free

Information available at vam.ac.uk/fridaylate | #FridayLate

On 25 October 2019, the V&A will move its free flagship Friday Late event from South Kensington to Hackney Wick for a night of music, performance and pop-ups. *Friday Late: This Must Be The Place* celebrates the area's vibrant culture and explores how artists and designers are pushing boundaries and reclaiming space amidst a constantly changing cityscape.

Friday Late: This Must Be The Place kick-starts V&A East's series of contemporary events in the lead up to opening in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in 2023. Showcasing a dynamic mix of live music, film, installations, experimental performance, pop-up studios, talks and workshops the late-night event will take place in five leading arts venues across Hackney Wick, with support from Foundation for FutureLondon.

- **Grow** showcases the DIY creativity of Hackney Wick-based artists and musicians through a series of performances, installations and open studios. Highlights include a new AV installation by artist collective **Sense**, music by **Hot Dog Grrrl and the Sesame Buns** and Franco-Vietnamese dance by artist **Mai Nguyen Tri**.
- **Mick's Garage** hosts a series of experimental performances, including **Claudia Palazzo's** *that ain't gold*, which fuses dance, film and bass lines to explore the tensions between desire, violence and freedom in the city. **FRONTLEFT** present *Contemporary Living / Erased Bodies* using dance, projection and live painting to reflect east London's changing landscape and its impact on minority groups, artists and the creative queer community. Artist **Rowdy SS** performs the multisensory dance piece *Balance*, musing on the way we use space, and non-binary performance artist and DJ **Lewis G. Burton** celebrates east London's transgender, non-binary, intersex and gender non-conforming community with a specially-commissioned performance.

- **Museum activists, artists and New Museum School Creatives** will take over **Stour Space** with a programme of performance, spoken word, sound installations and collage workshops, plus a panel discussion debating inclusive architecture, design and space for creative communities today.
- **Studio 9294** presents a pop-up creative studio and series of interdisciplinary collaborations curated by a London-based collective of emerging artists, writers and curators of colour.
- **White Post** hosts a panel discussion on what the changing cityscape means for young people in Hackney today, in collaboration with Hackney Wick Youth Voice. Artist and community organiser Kandice Holmes presents her project *Common Unity*, a series of talks, sound experiments and workshops looking at the innovation of community spaces and the evolving role artists play within this.

Catherine Ince, Chief Curator, V&A East, said: “We’re excited to present this special Friday Late in partnership with leading artists, designers, collectives and venues across Hackney Wick. Part of a series of events leading up to the opening of V&A East, *This Must Be The Place* seeks to explore the ways in which creative communities in London and beyond respond to changing cityscapes, with a particular focus on the ongoing development of east London.”

Jordanna Greaves, Co-Founder, Grow, said: “When a group of people find space to create and share together, great things can happen. Hackney Wick – like other parts of East London – has a history of self-organised activity. Whether at a studio, bar, warehouse, the school gates or local shop, people meet, chat, share ideas, make plans and things happen - even in times of adversity. For this V&A Late, we celebrate creativity and what it means to be part of something. Everyone is welcome.”

V&A East will join London College of Fashion, UCL, the BBC, Sadler’s Wells and the Smithsonian Institution as part of East Bank – a new arts, education and innovation hub in Stratford’s Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Opening in 2023, V&A East will encompass two new sites – a world class museum designed by O’Donnell+Tuomey at Stratford Waterfront, featuring a unique partnership with the Smithsonian Institution, and a new collection and research centre designed by Diller Scofidio + Renfro at Here East. Rooted in east London with an international outlook, V&A East will harness art, design and performance to explore the big issues and ideas facing the world today and offer a platform for creativity to champion the next generation of artists, designers, makers and thinkers.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

V&A Friday Late: This Must Be The Place

- Various locations in Hackney Wick, East London
- 19.00– 23.00, 25 October 2019
- Admission free; places are designated on a first-come, first-served basis
- Nearest station: Hackney Wick Overground

- Curated by Jenna Mason, Yewande Odunubi and Alice Beverley, V&A, with Sarah Green and Andrew Adedipe, V&A East
- #FridayLate

About V&A Friday Late

The original contemporary late-night museum event V&A Friday Late is held on the last Friday of the month (except May and December). Established in 1999 Friday Late programme celebrates all aspects of contemporary visual culture using the V&A collection and buildings as its inspiration. The events bring audiences face-to-face with leading and emerging artists and designers through live performance, film, installation, debate, DJs and late-night exhibition openings.

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About the Foundation for FutureLondon

The Foundation for FutureLondon is a charitable trust created to bring together local east London communities around the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park with globally renowned arts, innovation and cultural partners – making East Bank a vibrant new creative quarter of global significance.

Working collaboratively to maximise funding and investment opportunities, The Foundation for FutureLondon and East Bank have the power to transform the park into a new culture, creative and education district for London. Our vision is for a vibrant and inclusive creative East Bank that maximises educational, learning and employment opportunities for local people - driven by culture, innovation and art.

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