

LEWIS GREENER YOU THROW SHADE ON THE DOORWAYS

27 May - 2 July 2023 // Preview: 27 May, 3-5pm
LAKE GALLERY SALTER SPACE

Southwark Park Galleries are excited to announce the exhibition of artist and youth worker Lewis Greener, who was selected as the winner out of 220 artists' submissions for our 38th Annual Open in 2022 – London's longest-running truly 'open' exhibition existing since 1984 to encourage artists at all stages of their career to submit work.

Greener, selected by 2022 judges Appau Jnr Boakye-Yiadom and Lydia Blakeley, will present a series of recent 35mm photographic works and an 8mm film documenting the rapid and often brutal change, growth and development of local city life. This is the first year in which the winner has been awarded £500 towards a solo presentation in the Salter Space, our community focused gallery named in honour of Bermondsey hero Ada Salter, London's first female mayor, local revolutionary and campaigner for equality and the environment.

Greener's exhibition presents black and white photographs and films taken locally to him in the area of Poplar, East London, designed as the first inner-city market town, which record the ways we exist and adapt in a city that is forever changing. His photographic observations show the ways city residents challenge and embrace their built environment in the face of decades of managed decline, gentrification and austerity. Greener's images are a joyful and tender reflection of people existing in a system that's actively trying to design them and their way of life out.

Artists Appau Jnr Boakye-Yiadom and Lydia Blakeley (both alumni of Southwark Park Galleries' programme) awarded Greener the prize for: 'demonstrating real mastery, capturing such a stolen moment in a time. The work has extremely tender subtlety, tied to a great sense of place, referencing London's layered history and civic traditions.'

Lewis Greener says:

'It's an amazing opportunity to be able to exhibit publicly at somewhere as welcoming and accessible as Southwark Park Galleries, It's given me focus and momentum to continue building on my practice that is often hard to maintain independently.'

The Annual Open and this exhibition is generously supported by Breckman & Company.

Our next 39th Annual Open will take place 12 November - 10 December 2023. Guidelines to submit work and the application process will be released this summer. Please sign up to our mailing list to be updated.

NOTES TO EDITOR

ARTIST BIO

LEWIS GREENER (b. 1983, based in London) is a facilitator, youth worker and photographer, originally from the North East of England, who has been living in London for the last decade. He is a member of the Gate Darkroom Co-operative and is interested in grassroots and DIY movements, non-formal education, the peripheries of space, the way cultures mutate to different contexts and the way people adapt, interpret and take ownership of their surroundings.

Alongside photography he experiments with soundscapes, oral histories, text, video and printmaking.

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ABOUT SOUTHWARK PARK GALLERIES

Southwark Park Galleries is an interdisciplinary arts organisation set across two distinctive venues - including a Grade II Listed deconsecrated church and purpose built art gallery - and a community garden in the heart of Southwark Park, southeast London. Through our locally relevant and internationally significant programme of exhibitions, performances and public engagement, our mission is to connect people using the intersection of art, nature and culture to facilitate meaning and wellbeing across communities.

Established in 1984, we have a thriving reputation as a test site for experimental practice by commissioning artists at a critical stage to make their most ambitious work. Our public engagement and community work welcomes everyone. Our location means we can provide a rare civic offer of vital green and open cultural space for our park neighbours and beyond.

As we approach our 40th anniversary celebrations in 2024, we look forward to strengthening our local, national and international partnerships; amplifying our purpose of making creativity central in building a more engaged and inclusive society.

Southwark Park Galleries is the operating name of the Bermondsey Artists' Group, a registered charity (no. 1073851) and is a Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation (NPO).

LISTING INFORMATION

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Southwark Park Galleries, 1 Park Approach, Southwark Park, London SE16 2UA

TRANSPORT

Southwark Park Galleries is well connected via 3 different tube/rail lines, with 4 stations at each corner of Southwark Park, and many bus routes. We are 2 stops from London Bridge.

Jubilee Line to Canada Water and Bermondsey

Overground Line to Canada Water and Surrey Quays

National Rail to South Bermondsey

Bus routes: 1, 47, 188, 199, 225, 381, 395, P12, C10

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