

PRESS RELEASE // DECEMBER 2024

LONDON, UK: Southwark Park Galleries is delighted to announce our Spring 2025 Programme including **a group exhibition curated by A—Z (Anne Duffau)**, two exhibitions developed with local communities at two **primary schools and Bede Centre for learning disabilities**, as well as an open call for our **2026 partnership with Temple Bar Gallery + Studios, Dublin**. 2025-2026 sees Southwark Park Galleries strengthening existing and developing new partnerships locally, nationally and internationally, with more to be announced in the coming months.

YOU MAKE ME FEEL CURATED BY A—Z (ANNE DUFFAU)

5 April - 29 June 2025

Southwark Park Galleries, Lake Gallery

Southwark Park Galleries is delighted to invite A—Z (Anne Duffau) to guest-curate a group exhibition with three multidisciplinary artists: **Jeanie Crystal, Zein Majali and Emily Pope**. In association with the 23rd edition of PAF Olomouc – Festival of Film Animation and Contemporary Art 2024, the exhibition presents the second iteration of You Make Me Feel originally displayed at XY Gallery, Czech Republic. Relating to the theme of diaries and self narratives in all forms – including stories, notes, self-reflection, social networks, and periodic writing – You Make Me Feel is a chunk of emotions, a bundle of affects, a note to your future self.

A series of performances and screenings will be programmed for our Dilston Gallery alongside the exhibition at our Lake Gallery, with further details to be announced in 2025.

This exhibition is generously supported by Arts Council England. With thanks to PAF and XY Gallery.

ART & ECOLOGY SCHOOL RESIDENCIES: THE EXHIBITION

5 April - 11 May 2025

Southwark Park Galleries, Lake Gallery Salter Space

This exhibition celebrates our Public Engagement work in local schools, a popular annual programme bringing free art sessions addressing the themes of environment and climate change through the collective process of art. Our professional Artist Associates spend two weeks in residency at a local primary school, delivering high quality creative and educational sessions with local children.

Exploring the theme of ecology to include marginalised perspectives around how migration has shaped the green spaces around us and beyond, this exhibition presents artworks produced by Year 3 students at **Rotherhithe Primary School**, created with **Kandace Siobhan Walker**, and Year 5 students at St James' CE Primary School, created with **Anne Ogazi**.

The project is generously supported by British Land.

IN RESIDENCE: BEDE CENTRE FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES

21 May - 29 June 2025

Southwark Park Galleries, Lake Gallery Salter Space

Partnering with our local neighbours and heroes: the Bede Centre for those with learning disabilities, Southwark Park Galleries will host a series of weekly art workshops for Bede clients in our Dilston Gallery Parish Room overlooking the park. Over the course of 2-3 months the participants will work towards creating an exhibition to be displayed in our Lake Gallery Salter Space committed to community focused projects. A special place for people with learning disabilities, Bede Centre does amazing work to develop skills, expand friendships and help people. This will be the first time artwork created by participants will be showcased in a dedicated exhibition.

This project is generously supported by Bede House and Arts Council England.

FAIGH AMACH (DISCOVER) WITH TEMPLE BAR GALLERY + STUDIOS

Open call deadline 10 January 2025, 5pm

Southwark Park Galleries, Lake Gallery

Faigh Amach (Discover) is a new initiative by Temple Bar Gallery + Studios, Dublin, in partnership with Culture Ireland and Southwark Park Galleries, London, to support an Irish artist in presenting their first international solo exhibition in 2026. Visual artists living in the 32 counties in Ireland or Irish artists living abroad who have not yet had a solo international exhibition or major exhibition outside of Ireland are invited to apply. Three artists will be selected from the open call to participate in a group exhibition at Temple Bar Gallery + Studios, 31 July - 21 September 2025. Then one of these three exhibiting artists will be invited to present their first international solo exhibition in spring 2026 at Southwark Park Galleries, London.

The deadline for applications is 10 January 2025, 5pm. Please visit the Temple Bar Gallery + Studios' website for more information and how to apply: www.templebargallery.com/news/open-call-faigh-amach-discover-international-exhibition-opportunity

This project is generously supported by Culture Ireland, Temple Bar Gallery + Studios and Arts Council England.

NOTES TO EDITOR

ARTIST BIOS

Anne Duffau

Cultural producer, researcher, and founder of A—Z, an exploratory/nomadic curatorial platform. A—Z aims to open up to audiences by sharing discursive practices in order to challenge preconceived ideas about race, gender identities and so-called history in terms of power relationships. She has worked with PAF Olomouc since 2017, programming screenings and exhibitions. She co-funded and programmed the collectives: Transmissions.tv and Décalé. She is a Tutor at the Royal College of Art's Contemporary Art Practice Programme and works as a freelance producer/researcher for Somerset House Studios. She produces monthly shows on Resonance FM and stegi. radio and live music under Alpha through several projects and collaborations (MAENADS, Polisonics, The New Adolescents). Her latest project was hosted at Matt's Gallery (May-Sept 2024) and is an ongoing series titled: Always Coming Home.

www.abc-z.org

Jeanie Crystal

Is an artist and musician from Birmingham residing in London. Through filmmaking, live art, club nights and performances with her punk band Jeanie and the White Boys, her work disrupts and subverts the role of the artist and rock god. Collaboration, community and sex positivity are key in her work, enlightening those exposed to it with empowerment, self-deification and joy. Jeanie is intent on spreading the message of the power of irreverence.

www.instagram.com/jeanie_crystal

Zein Majali

Zein Majali is a Jordanian-Palestinian artist based in London. Formerly an engineer and data analyst, she turned to the arts out of an urgency to archive and examine the accelerated cultural shifts in the Arab world. While her work touches on a post-colonial and globalised Middle East, her primary area of interest is the internet and its effects on both geopolitics and community. Her practice includes moving image, sound, performance, AI and sculpture.

www.zeinmajali.com

Emily Pope

A multidisciplinary artist and writer living and working in London. She is interested in series making, and has been making The Sitcom Show, a failed sitcom recording life under austerity measures in the UK, since 2016. Her research focuses on: a history of experimental broadcast media, humour and satire, intersectional feminism, dyke subjectivities, political rhetoric and class politics.

www.emilypope.co.uk

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 a garden in the heart of Southwark Park, 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. In 2024 we celebrated our 40th anniversary, committing to strengthen our local, national and international partnerships, and amplify 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 Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation.
www.southwarkparkgalleries.org

PAF

PAF is a curatorial platform and an organizer of festivals (PAF Olomouc, PAF New York, PAF London, PAF Ostopovice, PAF Praha) as well as other events, such as concerts, exhibitions, and screenings. PAF also has a publishing line (PAF Edition) and moving image distribution platform. In the past two decades, PAF has evolved into a label comprising an international network of artists, curators and events. The initial frameworks of the platform have been relations between film animation, visual art and music as well as moving image in film and video. Along with the accelerated development of audiovisual art in the past two decades, PAF has expanded its focus, embodying phenomena aligned with virtual space, performative art, game design and fashion.

www.pifpaf.cz

XY Gallery

Founded in 2017 by independent curators from Olomouc, XY Gallery is an exhibition space for contemporary art, which can reach different types of audiences with its dramaturgical breadth and program lines. The gallery enables the presentation of exceptional art projects and works by leading Czech and international artists in the field of contemporary art, architecture, illustration and new media in the two-floor space on Dolní náměstí in the historic center of Olomouc. Emphasis is also placed on collaborative projects in cooperation with established institutions, cultural organisations and platforms and also offers residencies for domestic and foreign artists and curators.

sites.google.com/a/xyolomouc.com/galerie

Bede Centre, part of Bede House

Bede House is a local Southwark charity with the flexibility to respond to the area's changing needs. Government statistics show that some of our neighbourhoods are among the 10% most deprived in Britain. We therefore strive to offer a wide range of support. Since 1938, we've been working to unlock new possibilities for young and old to live fuller lives. Our services are delivered through four programmes addressing specific needs. All of our activities, training, volunteering and employment programmes at Bede Centre aim to build the skills and confidence of those with a learning disability. Our friendly Centre offers a welcoming space for everyone to expand their horizons, as well as providing respite for carers. We believe that everyone can play their part in the community.

www.bedehouse.org.uk

Temple Bar Gallery + Studios

Temple Bar Gallery + Studios (TBG+S) is a leading artists' studio complex and contemporary art gallery in Dublin City. TBG+S' exhibition programme which identifies Irish and international artists of talent at pivotal points of their practice, working closely with them to support the realization of ambitious exhibitions. In 2022, the TBG+S curatorial team curated the Irish representation of the 59th International Art Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia with artist Niamh O'Malley. Founded in 1983 — by artists, for artists.

www.templebargallery.com

LISTING INFORMATION

***You Make Me Feel* curated by A—Z (Anne Duffau)**

5 April - 29 June 2025

Lake Gallery

Art & Ecology School Residencies: The Exhibition

5 April - 11 May 2025

Lake Gallery, Salter Space

In Residence: Bede Centre for Learning Disabilities

21 May - 29 June 2025

Lake Gallery, Salter Space

Wednesday - Sunday 11am - 5pm // Free Entry

Website: southwarkparkgalleries.org

Instagram: [@southwarkparkgalleries](https://www.instagram.com/southwarkparkgalleries)

Facebook: [@SouthwarkParkGalleries](https://www.facebook.com/SouthwarkParkGalleries)

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.

Map to: [Lake Gallery](#) // [Dilston Gallery](#)

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

Up to 4 hours free parking within Southwark Park

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