Publishing facilitates an encounter, and – each in different ways – our latest projects engage with this idea. *Contact*, guest edited by Hannah Black, is a new series of books by Hamishi Farah, Mamtaza Mehr, and Derica Shields, forthcoming in 2019 after an open call for submissions around ‘the complications of encounter’ as a set of relational possibilities: ‘Contact can span from moments of intensity to networks of alienation, from the professional to the personal, from the colonial to the queer, from the stranger to the extra-terrestrial.’

Addressing ‘embodiment and uses of vernacular forms of speaking and writing’, Maria Fusco’s *Dialecty* series will feature Lisa Robertson, Adam Pendleton, Harry Josephine Giles & Martin O’Leary, Helen Nisbet, Robert McClean, and Natasha Soobramanien & Luke Williams. Co-published by The Common Guild in Glasgow, these six texts emphasise non-standard sound and inscription, as well as movement for artistic and political change.

Reviving the forgotten heritage of radical theatre group Al Assifa, Bouchra Khalili’s *The Tempest Society* includes scripts for plays committed to the struggles of Arab workers and immigrants, anti-colonialism and Palestine, original archival material and a number of interviews and essays, which examine the legacy of this Arab workers’ theatre group in the contemporary geopolitical context. Khalili’s working methods – applied to the making of *The Tempest Society* as a film installation and to the book itself – are revealed to foreground participation and careful engagement, giving voice to forgotten histories.

Traditionally among the quieter spaces of encounter, we continue to celebrate libraries through *You Must Locate A Fantasy* – our library residency programme, with *Drawing in Drag* by Marie Duval, a project by Simon Grennan that explores the queer city, and the hard work of leisure. It continues the series that supported Sophie Collins’ acclaimed *small white monkeys* and Kit Poulson’s experimental text, *Mutter*.

The memoir of New York artist Joe Brainard, *I Remember*, once described by John Ashbery as ‘humane smut’, is the key inspiration for Stephen Sutcliffe’s *Much Obliged* – a series of seemingly unrelated reminiscences that mix bathos with dead-pan humour and irreverence. Similarly playful is Laure Prouvost’s *Legsicon*, for which invited contributors expand on the key motifs in her work, alongside the darker *Sad Sack*, a new book of collected writings by Sophia Al-Maria, that takes as a stimulant Ursula K. Le Guin’s ‘The Carrier Bag Theory of Fiction’ to assemble nightmare visions of global warming, odes to celebrity meltdowns, and innovations in the personal essay form.

Nina Power’s *Common Objectives* series concludes in 2018 with *The Counsel of Spent* – Inventory’s cavalier, anti-capitalist text on climate change, while *Aliasing* by Mara Coson appears as the final instalment in Stewart Home’s series, *Semina*. Coson’s Ackeresque weave of Philippine tales is joined by: a new edition of the radical polemic *Shy Radicals* by Hamja Ahsan, a paperback edition of Mark Dion’s *The Bureau of the Centre for the Study of Surrealism and its Legacy*, and a reprint of OOMK’s popular *The Library Was*.

Finally, we are pleased to announce Erica Scourti as guest editor of *The Happy Hypocrite – Silver Bandage*, issue 11, working ‘in a spirit of friendship and love’ with contributors including CAConrad and Daniella Valz Gen, ‘towards an ecology of reparative relations.’ In keeping with this spirit, and inviting new encounters, welcome to our 2018/19 catalogue.
Merced Es Benz is an account of a dysfunctional love affair, narrated via SMS, email, Facebook and Google search results. Events unfold against a backdrop of a barely-credible pre-Olympic London where Bow E3’s high-rises are no longer the Ends and east London’s awful art parties, populated by the debased progeny of the rich and famous, do little to dispel 90s rave nostalgia. Remnants of a ‘virtual’ conversation act as a body of circumstantial evidence, betraying a ‘real’ intimacy behind a messy social media scandal that spilled into tabloid coverage.

Iphgenia Baal’s non-fiction novel balances at the jarring intersection of death, mourning and Facebook, as downward mobility proves to be a more intoxicating – if less fatal – drug than heroin.

Following a career as a journalist, which came to no uncertain end in 2008, Iphgenia Baal is now a writer. Published prior to Merced Es Benz are the books The Hardy Tree and Gentle Art, assorted serialised ephemera, including The Seedless Grape and The Shiner. Some texts have been adapted for film, including Heavy Vibrations and Topshop Returns. She has contributed to the Nervemeter, International Times, The White Review, Schizm and others and is one half of publishing imprint AKA.

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An alias is an assumed identity. In Aliasing the narration of fiction shifts like the weave of a binakul blanket, and the reader is confronted by a procession of simulacra that might be misunderstood as an alternative history of the Philippines. There are no falsehoods here since representation precedes and determines the real. The northern whirlpool weave that provides the novel with its title has been used to confuse evil spirits and protect its wearer while asleep. Almost traditional stories are woven into a post-history covering everyone from Macabebe Marie (the Mata Hari of Manila) to the Catholic mystic Emma de Guzman (known to followers as the Mother of Love, Peace and Joy). Reflecting the hybrid nature of our contemporary world, Aliasing reconfigures our understanding of who we are as a twice-told tale from the South.

Mara Coson is a writer and editor from Manila, Philippines. She completed her MA in Creative Media at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT). In 2012, she co-founded The Manila Review, a journal that publishes book reviews, as well as essays on old literary publications, radio, and smugglers. Published by Book Works as part of Semina, guest edited by Stewart Home in an edition of 1,000; soft cover with dust jacket; 128pp; black and white throughout; 130mm x 195mm; designed by Fraser Muggeridge Studio.

The Semina series also features books by Stewart Home, Maxi Kim, Jarett Kobek, Jana Leo, Katrina Palmer, Bridget Penney, and Mark Waugh.

We’ve heard all about all the sticks and spears and swords… but we have not heard about the thing to put things in, the container for the thing contained.

Ursula K. Le Guin
‘The Carrier Bag Theory of Fiction’

I’m an extinction emo, and a real sad sack. So for me, this book is a bag. A single-use carrier to collect my writing. Like any single-use carrier bag, I disapprove. It shouldn’t exist, it pollutes, and should be banned. Yes. Books like this should be banned. Yet I make it, in the hope that this waste product might be useful, edible, or beautiful to somebody. Please don’t choke on it.

Sophia Al-Maria

This book of collected writings draws together gloom laden visions of our current climate and future, along with poetry, cultural commentary, and a series of ‘mini-mega narratives’ that innovate the personal essay form. Introduced by Taylor Le Melle. Sad Sack also includes a conversation with Abdullah Al-Mutairi, and a selection of ‘carrier objects’ – hats, letters, laughing gas canisters and other receptacles gathered by Al-Maria and photographed by Laura Cugusi.

Sophia Al-Maria is a Qatari-American artist and writer living in London, UK. Her memoir, The Girl Who Fell to Earth (Harper Perennial, 2012), was published in Arabic by Bloom- sbury Qatar in Summer 2015. Her short stories have been published in various collections including The Djinn Falls in Love (2017 Solaris, UK). In 2015 she was selected to participate as a fellow in the Sundance Labs with her unfinished feature Beretta. In 2016 she presented ‘Black Friday’, her first US solo show at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, and was nominated for Film London’s Jarman Award. In the past few years she has been screenwriting for film and television, alongside solo exhibitions at Project Native Informant in London, and Third Line Gallery in Dubai. In 2018 she is Writer in Residence at Whitechapel Gallery, London.

Published by Book Works, in an edition of 1,000; design- ed by Tiffany Malakooti.
Like many port towns, Hull has historically been a passage point for different communities. In 2016 it voted to leave the EU – closing its doors to the outside. This closing-down of community – and notions of who belongs and who does not – also happened after the first and second World Wars, when poverty, loss and politics collided with a growth of right wing sentiment and fascism, putting little known repatriation campaigns on the agenda.

Poverty, politics and survival have long been a part of the story of Hull, shaping the city as much as wars, imperialism and trade. Contradictions are numerous: the town’s history is also smattered with political activists and radical thinkers. Cammock has brought the voices of such figures together, questioning what freedom, liberty and openness mean for a city, its people and culture.

Helen Cammock is the winner of the Max Mara Art Prize for Women, 2018. Her work has been screened as part of the Serpentine Cinema Series and Tate Artists Moving Image Screening Programme. She has exhibited at venues including Cubitt, London; Galerie Futura Alpha Nova, Berlin; The Tetley, Leeds; Open Source Contemporary Arts Festival; Hollybush Gardens, London; and 198 Contemporary Arts and Learning, London.

Hannah Dawn Henderson

Hannah Dawn Henderson is an artist and writer based in Manchester and The Hague. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Arts in The Netherlands, Henderson has participated in exhibitions and projects within the context of the International Festival of Movement on Screen, Kunstvliai, and Vienna Art Week, as well as various independent art venues in the UK and The Netherlands.

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My artistic practice is concerned with locating performative and narrative methods with which to bring contemporary socio-political discourse into dialogue with (auto)biographical and individual experiences. I seek to examine the ways in which authority and authorship play out, and most recently I am focused on the role of historical legacies in formulating contemporary political dynamics. This work manifests typically as performance and video-based work, as well as texts and graphical media.

Hannah Dawn Henderson

I’ve been visiting Hull since the early 1970s when I knew students at the university. I’d come up here for wild weekends and soon began to understand why they were totally in love with the city. For some years I’ve been looking at the history of Hull, in relation to enslaved Africans and those who have been credited with pushing for abolition. This is really a handbook and a guidebook for how to escape, how to survive and how to arrive in one piece. Most of the texts are by civil rights activists. Each page is modelled on the design for an East African Kanga in which two pieces of cloth form a skirt and a top; the text tells the world how you are feeling.

Hopefully the book will be enjoyed by people who want to help their friends find ways to survive and at the same time could reveal, in tandem with archival material and personal narratives about abolition, that no one gets anything significant done by themselves.

Lubaina Himid

Lubaina Himid, born 1954 in Zanzibar, Tanzania, is a contemporary African artist and Professor of Contemporary Art at the University of Central Lancashire. Her art focuses on themes of cultural history and reclaiming identities. She was one of the first artists involved in the Black Art movement in the 1980s and continues to create activist art which is shown in galleries in Britain, as well as worldwide. In 2017 Lubaina Himid won the Turner Prize, with an exhibition in Ferens Gallery, Hull.

Published by Book Works, as part of Beyond Words, in an edition of 30; hard cover with slipcase; 26pp; colour throughout; 915mm × 360mm; designed and produced by Book Works.

Ruth Ewan’s project explores the life of the international activist, writer, editor and lifelong member of the Communist Party, Nan Berger, using her unpublished memoir with material drawn from archival sources.

Nan Berger’s memoir, unearthed in the Women’s Collection of the LSE Library, is unfinished, consisting of contemporary notes, reports and more detailed personal history. The gaps are filled in Ewan’s book with a montage of material ranging from surveillance reports from MI5 files, press cuttings and extracts from the Liberty Archive, delegate reports from the Third American Writers Congress, the ‘icebreaker’ trip to China in the 1950s, and a covert mission to apartheid South Africa. Alongside the internationalism are images related to the extensive number of publications on children’s rights, education, school meals, and feminism, giving evidence of an extraordinary life of radical activism, politics, and compassion for others.

Ruth Ewan is an artist based in Glasgow, and is known for creating context specific artworks. She works with found material, history, collaborators and participants to realise her projects, which are often grounded in focused research into hidden social and political histories.

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Moveable Bridge, Being, in a State of Erasure, Freedom Kangas and Twenty-Nine Thousand Nights: A Communist Life were all commissioned as part of Beyond Words by the Freedom Festival Arts Trust, Hull Culture and Leisure Library Services and Book Works, in association with Hull History Centre, Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation, University of Hull, funded by James Reckitt Library Trust and Arts Council England.
Ahsan campaign organiser.

Shy Radicals’ author Hamja Ahsan is an artist, curator for introverted people, run according to Shyria Law and published by Book Works, as part of Radicalised against the imperial domination of globalised class, and this anti-systemic manifesto is a quiet and awake and understand that there is no natural evolution theories and histories of movement and violence elaborated under capitalism? must be tolerated in the interests of ‘survival’ before we are acknowledge in private, but that rarely manifest themselves as collectively organised opposition and concrete action. lying beneath these writings is an insistent attack upon the soft underbelly of middle-class duplicity that willingly supports capitalist mediocrity in order to maintain privileges, thereby aiding endless repetitions of growth and collapse. are told that technological change alone will bring the deleterious effects of profit and loss to heel. and so it appears, that unless we are driven to the brink of extinction, there will be no collective counter-attack of lasting value. This is the counsel of spent, asking how far we must be pushed as a species, as a planet, and how much more must we tolerated in the interests of ‘survival’ before we awake and understand that there is no natural evolution under capitalism?

Another end of the world is possible.

Formed in 1995, Inventory was a loosely associated group of writers, artists and theorists, currently guided by the efforts of two artists/heretics, Adam Scrivener and Paul Claydon, who advance a practical and theoretical notion of what they call ‘fierce sociolgy’.

Contact can be a word for wordless physical closeness, whether sex or violence, or for conversation. It can signal individuals as possibilities, as usages. It can interrupt a loss, as when word unexpectedly comes from a missing person, or pierces a plenum, as in sci-fi movies where aliens reach out or invade, or when colonisers do the same in known reality...

Hannah Black

Hamishi Farah, Monttaza Mehri and Derica Shields have each been commissioned to produce a book for publication in Spring 2019 responding to Hannah Black’s open call for submissions on ‘the very loose theme of contact’ – with proposals for a collection of comic drawings and stories; theories and histories of movement and violence elaborated through poetry, prose, flash fiction and diagrams; and a set of broken essays and interventions circling Black failure.

Hannah Black is an artist and writer from the UK currently living in New York. Recent solo shows include ‘Some Context’ at Chisenhale Gallery in London, ‘Soc or Barb’ at Bodega in New York, and ‘Small Room’ at MUMOK in Vienna (all 2017). Her writing has been published in Artforum, Texte Zur Kunst, Afterall, Tank, the New Inquiry and Harper’s Magazine, among others. She is the author of the books Dark Pool Party (Dominica/Arcadia Missa, 2016) and Life (with Juliana Huxtable; Buchhandlung Walther König, 2017).

Hamishi Farah is a Somali artist living in Australia. Hamishi practices painting, poetry, and other media. Hamishi is retired from Australian art. States have edges, like words. Infants begin to see by noticing the edge of things. How do they know an edge is an edge? By passionately wanting it not to be. When not examining contemporary white lack through the edgelessnesses of Niggadom & statelessness, Hamishi paints. Hamishi is represented by Arcadia Missa in London and Chateau Shatto in Los Angeles, Hamishi is a recording member of family rap ensemble, Fanau Spa.

Monttaza Mehri is a poet and essayist. She won third prize in the 2017 National Poetry Competition and is a co-winner of the 2018 Brunel International African Poetry Prize. She is the current Young People’s Laureate for London and a columnist-in-residence at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art’s Open Space.

Derica Shields is a writer, researcher and programmer from London. Her work has appeared in The New Inquiry, Rookie, Girls Like Us, Live Art Almanac, Flash Art and more. She is the co-founder of The Future Weird, a (now defunct) screening and discussion series centred on experimental, world-unravelling films by Black artists and directors. In 2017, she programmed an events series on Black failure at London’s ICA. As part of her 2017 Triple Canopy commission, she is developing a multi-format oral history project centreing on accounts of Black adults and children of their encounters with the British welfare state.

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Dialecty is a new project conceived by writer Maria Fusco, with The Common Guild, considering the critical uses of vernacular forms of speaking and writing, exploring how dialect words, syntax and language question traditional orthodoxies of critical writing.

Drawn from open submission and invitation, Harry Josephine Giles & Martin O’Leary, Robert McClean, Helen Nisbet, Lisa Robertson, Natasha Soobramanien & Luke Williams, and Adam Pendleton have been commissioned and will be published in November 2018.

Each chapbook uses vernacular in ways that range from Harry Josephine Giles & Martin O’Leary’s computer generated return to the ballads and poetry of Scotland and Northern England, Robert McClean’s phonetic tale of Flukeyluke and Belfast friends, Helen Nisbet’s Shetlandish return, Natasha Soobramanien & Luke Williams’ cautionary tale of academic privilege and misadventure in Diego Garcia via Kreole translation, Lisa Roberston’s reflection of political subject formation through poetry and vernacular forms, and Adam Pendleton’s script for Yvonne Rainer, concerning choreographed movement and movement for political change.

Maria Fusco is a Belfast-born writer and founder and editorial director of The Happy Hypocrite. She is the author of a number of books including Master Rock (Artangel & Book Works, 2015), and most recently her collected critical writings Give Up Art (New Documents, 2017). She is Professor of Fine Art at Northumbria University.

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Museums’ attempts to classify and present the world in miniature inevitably mean that much of their collections are forgotten and marginalised. Recalling the short-lived Bureau de Recherches Surréalistes of 1924–1925 – part information centre and ‘public relations’ office, and part surrealist archive – Mark Dion, in his Bureau of the Centre for the Study of Surrealism and its Legacy documents his encounters with the Museum of Manchester’s neglected drawers and overlooked recesses, home to redundant labels, orphaned mounts, defunct teaching models, botanical freaks, Egyptian fakes and the minutiae that have fallen through the cracks of museum practice and lain abandoned.

It is both a repository for the detritus of museum life and a working process, classifying the museum’s un-classifiable whilst exploring the bureaucratic workings of the institution.

Mark Dion was born in 1961 in New Bedford, Massachusetts, US and lives in New York with his wife and frequent collaborator Dana Sherwood. For over two decades Dion has worked in the public realm in a wide range of scales, from architecture projects to print interventions in newspapers. His work is held in numerous collections worldwide, and he has been commissioned for a number of large scale public installations, and permanent commissions, including for Documenta 13. His most recent UK show was Theatre of the Natural World (2018) a retrospective at Whitechapel Gallery, London.

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   Embracing the fine tradition of the street corner prophet this declamatory joke resonates with contemporary neurosis. Produced as part of Infra Thin projects curated by Mark Beasley, along with the book Why and Why Not, You Hear a Joke About yourself and Join in the Laughter is a giclée print on 255 gsm Somerset Velvet paper, each signed and numbered by the artist. Print size, 538mm × 710mm Edition of 100 £300 (inc VAT)
Tolstoyevsky is not a Russian writer; it is a monster of sorts – a chimera, a composite of two and true to neither one nor a sum. It can make jokes (and threats) fly so fast they skip the funny parts. Here it lends its name to an issue that is about how humour is often not humour, or about how it sometimes doesn’t work, and how half our lives are filled with things that don’t work. Which probably means they work, right?

Virginija Januškevičiūtė

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Gathering together interviews, essays, rare archival material and translations, The Tempest Society revisits and resuscitates the forgotten heritage of ‘Al Assifa’ – a politicised theatre group that was born out of the struggles of the Mouvement des travailleurs arabes (MTA), Palestine, anti-colonialism, and workers’ and immigrant labour rights. Contributors explore the legacy of the group – placing this history in the context of the European economic crisis and its effect on Greece, contemporary migration and the conditions of immigrant workers and refugees. Conversations with the artist, and participants and collaborators in her film, consider the potential for politicised art to move between the street and the factory in cultural production today.

Following The Tempest Society (2017), the original video installation commissioned for documenta 14, which took Athens as a site to reflect on democracy and theatre, the book brings to light the specific history, the archive, and the ongoing resonance of the agit-prop theatre group ‘Al-Assifa’ in the context of urgent economic, political and humanitarian upheaval.

With contributions from Abdelalli Hajjat, Hendrik Folkerts, Pothiti Hantzaroula, and interviews with Philippe Tancelin, surviving member of Al Assifa, Bouchra Khalili, Omar Berrada, and the actors in The Tempest Society.

Bouchra Khalili is a Moroccan-French visual artist. Raised between Morocco and France, she studied Film at Sorbonne Nouvelle and Fine Arts at Ecole Nationale Supérieure d’Arts de Paris-Cergy. Recent exhibitions include solo shows at Jeu de Paume, Paris and Sessession, Vienna. In 2018 she has been shortlisted for both the Guggenheim’s Hugo Boss Prize and the Artes Mundi Prize. She currently lives in Berlin.

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Legsicon is a major new publication by Laure Prouvost, considered one of the most original artists of her generation. Legsicon delves into the philosophical depths of the artist’s practice, seeking to portray the work of an artist developing complex thought through artistic languages. A substantial hardback book, Legsicon will be a deviation from a typical monographic survey, functioning as a sort of dictionary. The book expands on approximately forty key notions in Prouvost’s work, each incorporating a commissioned text, new drawings created by the artist and selected documentation of her related works.

Words such as Artist/Boobs/Dream/Grandad/Misunderstanding/Octopus/Story/History/Subconscious/Tea/Woman/You will trigger contributions from Nuar Alsadir, Melissa Gronlund, Alastair Hudson, Elisa Kuy, Marta Kirshenbaum, Natasha Soobramanian, Joan Staal, Barbara Steveni, Abdellah Taïa, Maija Timonen, Anne-Mie van Kerckhoven, Emily Wardill and Lawrence Weiner, amongst many others.

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Gavin Wade is an artist, artist curator, artist writer, and one of the founding directors of Eastside Projects in Birmingham. As part of Co-series, No. 10, an edition of 1,000; soft cover; 360pp; 2 colour throughout; 130mm × 190mm; designed by James Langdon.

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The Library Was emerges from OOMK’s Future Library residency at Open School East and sees OOMK reimagining the function, aesthetic and user culture of the library. Opening in an austerity-stricken future in which all public libraries have closed, it asserts the continued importance of libraries via interviews with London-based library enthusiasts, a profile of the revolutionary Cuban librarian Marta Terry González, a re-assessment of The Five Laws of Library Science, 1931, as they do and don’t apply to the collection of contemporary zines, and an account of the stolen library of the late Saudi novelist Abd al-Rahman Munif. It also documents the publications donated to the Open School East Library during OOMK’s Future Library Fair held in December 2015, and describes the work of a semi-fictional group of readers and activists, who have pooled their resources to establish The Library of Aimless Yet Meaningful Pursuit, a space for meeting and learning outside of the algorithmic ‘Grid’.

Contributors include zine specialist and librarian Leila Kassir; Berlin-based publishing house and artists’ collective Fehras Publishing Practices; reader, writer and researcher Hudda Khairi; and reader, writer and founder of the artists’ collective The Lonely Londoners, Rianna Jade Parker.

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small white monkeys is a fragmented essay, including poems and images, on self-expression, self-help and shame. Beginning with the image of the small white monkeys, the text examines the author’s relationship with shame through a series of short studies on, amongst other things, cats as phobic objects, hair as a metonym for shame in poetry and fiction, and changing perceptions of sexual violence.

Made through research into Glasgow Women’s Library’s Archive Collections and Lending Library, small white monkeys incorporates material from the library’s archives and the work of female creators past and present, including Anna Mendelsohn, Jean Rhyys, Selima Hill, Adrian Piper, June Jordan, Denise Riley, Julia Kristeva, Carolee Schneemann, Vahni Capildeo, Veronica Forrest-Thomson and Kim Hyesoon.

Sophie Collins grew up in North Holland and now lives in Edinburgh. She is co-editor of tender, an online journal promoting work by female-identified writers and artists, and editor of Currently & Emotion: Translations (Test Centre, 2016). She won an Eric Gregory Award in 2014. Her poems have appeared in magazines, anthologies, newspapers and art books, and in Penguin Modern Poets 1: If I’m Scared We Can’t Win alongside work by Anne Carson and Emily Berry. Her first poetry collection, Who Is Mary Sue?, was published by Penguin in March 2018.

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The dreamy archive watches a man. ‘One way in and one way out’, he says, but maybe the archive knows better?

Watch out for the wiring on the kettle though, that’s a potential life changer.

There is a camera in the corner of the archive. What does it see?


Two drunken soldiers wait outside a closed gate. A singer willingly throws herself into the ridiculous. A great poet is disappointed with the way his eggs are cooked.

Mutter emerged from Poulson’s reflections on his residency in Chelsea School of Arts Library Special collection. He was interested to explore intuitive and improvisational ways of approaching the curated ‘knowledge’ held there. Poulson’s project included an exhibition at Chelsea Space, London and an evening of events at Spike Island, Bristol.

Kit Poulson was born in East Bergholt, Suffolk in 1967 and is currently based between London and Bristol. He studied at Edinburgh University and Middlesex University. Often collaborative, Poulson’s practice is rooted in painting but also includes writing, live art, installation and sound. His previous book, Ice-Cream Empire, was published by Book Works in 2012.

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The Story of a Honeymoon hides a compelling secret. Ambrose Clarke never existed. Rather, another illustrator was given cover by the invented name of Clarke. The artist drawing as this fictional man was a woman, Marie Duval, an actress and cartoonist known for her reckless comedic drawing style. As one of only a handful of women cartoonists in a male publishing environment, her work was habitually disguised, emasculated, overwritten and stolen. After her death, her male collaborators took the opportunity to erase her from history. They almost succeeded.

In 2017, Simon Grennan identified Duval’s work in The Story of a Honeymoon for the first time. Grennan has been instrumental in bringing Duval’s work back to public view. In Drawing in Drag by Marie Duval Grennan focuses on the manners and habits of twenty-first century mass leisure culture, plus its roots in the leisure culture of the great cities of the nineteenth century. He adopts the pseudonym Marie Duval, performing Duval’s cartoons and producing drag drawings, as a woman.

Dr Simon Grennan is an artist, graphic novelist and scholar of visual narrative. He is author of A Theory of Narrative Drawing and Dispossession, a graphic adaptation of a novel by Anthony Trollope (one of The Guardian Books of the Year 2015). He is co-author, with Roger Sabin and Julian Waite, of Marie Duval: Maverick Victorian Cartoonist, Marie Duval and the Marie Duval Archive (www.marieduval.org) and co-editor, with Laurence Grove, of Transforming Anthony Trollope: Dispossession, Victorianism and 19th century word and image. Since 1990, he has been half of international artists team Grennan & Sperandio (www.kartoonkings.com), producer of hundreds of public engagement projects and over forty comics and books.

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