# Babylon ARTS' Summer Open 2022



**Calling all artists!** Babylon Gallery will be holding its annual selected Summer Open

Exhibition and we'd love to showcase your work in our riverside gallery.

We welcome submissions from all artists, in particular those living in Cambridgeshire, West Norfolk and West Suffolk. We are also keen to receive submissions from traditionally under-represented groups, such as D/deaf, disabled and neuro-diverse artists, and artists who are from minority ethnic backgrounds.

The exhibition will run from **Friday 29th July to Sunday 28th August 2022**. We'll be hoping to fill our walls and plinths with a diverse range of artworks from professional and amateur artists over the age of 16.

We welcome artworks in all forms, included – but not limited to – paintings, photography, ceramics, textiles, mixed media and more.

# Entry fee - pay what you can

As a charity we're keen to provide artists with opportunities to showcase their work and want to remove barriers so that these opportunities are as inclusive as possible.

At this time we're not core funded, which means that our work relies on raising funds through various different means. So, this year we're inviting artists to 'pay what they can' to submit artworks for consideration in our selected Summer Open exhibition.

Whether you're able to make a financial contribution or not, your work will be considered equally to everyone else's. All entries are anonymised before being considered by the selection panel.

## **Submission process**

Artists are encouraged to submit up to three works for consideration by the panel. <u>To apply</u>, please fill in our form here.

If you have any issues with the application process, please contact office@babylonarts.org.uk.

Whether or not you choose to enter, we would also ask you to fill in our <u>Diversity and Inclusion Questionnaire</u>. Babylon ARTS is committed to serving all areas of our community,

and this information allows us to understand who we are reaching, and identify groups which we are failing to reach.

Works will be selected anonymously for exhibition by our Summer Open Panel. This year, the panel is made up of local artists and practitioners.

The deadline for submitting your form and photo of your artwork(s) is **10am on Monday 6th June.** Terms and conditions apply – see the application form for details.

All artworks exhibited will be for sale, based on Babylon Arts taking a 30% commission + VAT.

Please note that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the date and duration of this exhibition is subject to government and local authority guidance and our own risk mitigation policies. Every effort will be made to deliver this exhibition safely and enjoyably for all artists, visitors, volunteers and staff; however, we reserve the right to make changes, cancel or postpone this exhibition without notice.

## Meet the panel

#### **Devi Singh**

Freelance Curator, gallerist and art consultant, since graduating in Fine Art & Music (1997), Devi has built extensive experience across Arts-related environments, working in music publishing, managing British commercial contemporary galleries, opening her own Art Centre in south London and recently as Artistic Director of the Siren Arts & Environmental Festival.



Currently based at Thompson's Gallery (Aldeburgh), which specialises in modern British artists and Scottish colourists, Devi has represented the gallery at national art fairs, managed and curated the prestigious RHS Chelsea Flower sculpture gardens, and devised a series of innovative art concept talks.

Previously owner of South-London Gallery & Arts Centre 'Melting Pot', it was here she found her calling, and the ambition to build an inclusive community environment where multi arts-based making opportunities were created, for everyone. "I'm driven to communicate and celebrate artistic voices, to champion and amplify awareness of their art and ideas. The joy for me comes from growing relationships of mutual trust and understanding with artists, to nurture and catalyse their very best work."



#### Kinnari Saraiya

Kinnari Saraiya is a Wordbuilder, Artist, Curator and Writer. She works across film, interactive 3D digital immersive environments, installation, animation, folk dance and sound which allows her to interweave complex sensorial narratives together. She was recognised to be of Exceptional Promise by the Arts Council England in 2021 and she currently works at

BALTIC Center for Contemporary Art as a Curatorial Fellow, supported by Frieze and Deutsche Bank.

#### **Stuart Green**

Stuart Green is Babylon Gallery's exhibition installer, and an artist and tutor with over fifty years of experience in art education.

