



ART FOR CURE is a unique arts charity, raising significant funds for leading-edge breast cancer research and support programmes through its exhibitions and events.

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# SHE LONDON

WOMEN ARTISTS DEPICT WOMEN IN FIRST-OF-A-KIND LONDON ART EXHIBITION IN AID OF BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

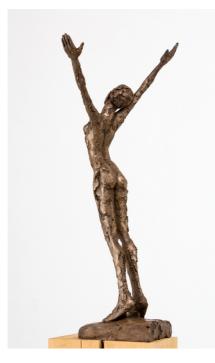
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BANKSIDE GALLERY Thames Riverside <u>48 Hopton Street</u> London SE1 9JH



#### Women supporting women

Bringing together 25 female creatives, some of the great women artists are joined by emerging talents for *She* London - an exhibition of paintings, sculpture, ceramics and jewellery. The show will present some of of the diversity of the female form and experience.



Curated by Art for Cure in partnership with Breast Cancer Now commissions from all sales of work will go directly to fund innovative breast cancer research.



Renowned artists such as Maggi Hambling, Henrietta Dubrey, Carol Peace, Claudia Legge and Alexandra Coe will show recent original work. They come together with vibrant new talents such as Laura Pannock, Joy BC, Edith Dormandy and Jelly Green for this unique show.



## Funding ground-breaking research

Dr Rachael Natrajan and her team, of the Breast Cancer Now Tony Robins Research Centre, are working to understand which genes drive growth in different types of breast cancer. This hugely important work is helping to identify which genes are the



most important for breast cancer to grow and the researchers can then use this knowledge to identify new treatments that will stop the action of these genes.

To do this, the team are testing hundreds of 'mini-tumours', in something akin to a factory production line. Using this technique, hundreds of genes can be screened in multiple different types of breast cancer cell in one day.

Ultimately, Dr Natrajan's exciting research could lead to the discovery of new ways to ensure every breast cancer patient receives the best treatment possible.



## Art for Cure

Art for Cure is without precedent in commissioning and selling original artworks from established and emerging talents solely in aid of breast cancer research and support.

Having already raised £700k it has rapidly become a major fundraising force.

The charity was founded five years ago by Belinda Gray. Aged 47, Belinda developed out-of-the-blue breast cancer. After a year of aggressive treatment, she wanted to raise money for breast cancer research. Clearing her home of furniture, she hosted an art and sculpture exhibition over a weekend and to her amazement 2,000 people came raising over £100,000 for national research. Art for Cure was born.

Belinda continues to inspire and lead the charity as its chair and CEO, Together with her volunteer team she dedicates herself to bringing great art to the public in ways that enable collections to grow and the investment decisions of collectors to pay dividends for the prevention, cure and care of breast cancer.

She London will be the fifth show presented by the charity.



Art for Cure, at Bankside Gallery, will host a glamorous opening night private view of *She* London on Wednesday 2 October 2019. Tickets go on sale 1 August 2019.

The show will then run for four days from 3 to 6 October 2019.



Belinda says:

We are excited to be exhibiting in this prestigious Southbank gallery with a collection of incredible female artists, all interpreting the female form within their own style and medium. Women helping women facing this prevalent illness presently affecting 1 in 8 women.

I feel very proud to be hosting such a positive event where the fundraising will really make a difference in supporting cutting-edge research to improve future treatments.

### Notes:

Dr Rachael Natrajan and her team are at the Breast Cancer Now Toby Robins Research Centre at The Institute of Cancer Research in London.

Art works, in order: -

Henrietta Dubrey - She Is

Carol Peace - Carpe Diem

Maggi Hambling - Amanda II

Penelope Madden - Hannah

Jelly Green - Nude I

Henrietta Dubrey - Mimi

Laura Pannock - Shay

Joy BC - Boob Ring

#### 2019/20 DONATIONS - Monitoring and Standards

It is our priority that all AFC projects are closely monitored to ensure funding is correctly channelled and that the service is being run to its optimum level with maximum benefit. AFC meets regularly with all the projects it donates to and audits them regularly and will be supporting and helping to expand many of these projects for 2019/2020 as well as looking at new areas of funding.

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