

PRESS RELEASE



The London Group at Bankside

Bankside Gallery
Thames Riverside
48 Hopton Street
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24 November - 4th December 2022
Open daily, 11am - 6pm **FREE ENTRY**
PV: 6 - 9 pm, Wednesday 23 November

The London Group at Bankside is one of our most ambitious exhibitions to date and promises to be a highlight in our eventful 109 year history.

With our new President - the award-winning artist film-maker Amanda Loomes - the Group is enjoying a palpable resurgence of creative energy and enthusiasm. Eighty of our members will be showing over 150 extraordinarily fresh, challenging and powerful works.

Included are Peter Clossick's evocative oil on canvas portrait, *Gillette*; John Crossley's silkscreen print, *Time for Dreams*, and Cadi Froehlich's unforgettable sculpture - a self-portrait created out of salvaged copper and ceramic.

For those less familiar with The London Group, it was set up in 1913 by 32 artists including Walter Sickert, Jacob Epstein, Wyndham Lewis, Sylvia Gosse and Henri Gaudier-Brzeska. From the outset, artists have been democratically and rigorously selected on the merit of their work. Subsequent members have included Nina Hamnett, Elizabeth Frink, Paul Nash and Frank Auerbach.

There isn't space here to highlight all of our current 100 or so members, but the quality of our artists has not waned. Household name, Anthony Eyton RA is taking part in this show. Suzan Swale, who was elected to the Group in 1984, will be exhibiting her painting *Glass Ceiling*. We're excited that her work will be part of **Women in Revolt**, a major show of political art which opens at Tate Britain in 2023. Amongst our recent recruits, Ade Adesina RSA, concluded this autumn with a solo exhibition at the Royal Scottish Academy.

The London Group at Bankside will also be an opportunity to commemorate and show the work of our late and much-missed members, Janet Nathan, Arthur Wilson and Dame Paula Rego.

A unique strength of the Group is that it continues to function without any dogma. All mediums, whether traditional or recent, are encouraged and supported. Reflecting this, the exhibition features a dedicated booth showing members' films and video work on a large screen, along with seating for viewers.

The London Group's success is due to the loyalty, determination and love of art shared by its members, not least by our previous and longest-serving President, Susan Haire who generously devoted herself to the Group from 2007 to 2021.

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