

PRESS RELEASE

ZABLUDOWICZ COLLECTION INVITES:
OLLIE DOOK: *Of Landscape Immersion*
17 JANUARY – 24 FEBRUARY

Exhibition Preview

Thursday 17 January, 6–9PM



Ollie Dook, *Of Landscape Immersion*, 2018, film still, courtesy the artist

Zabludowicz Collection is pleased to announce its first Invites exhibition for 2019 by London-based artist Ollie Dook. *Of Landscape Immersion* is an installation which builds on Dook's recent body of work examining the power relations of looking, particularly at non-human animals. The work draws on the language of zoo design and the construction of artificial environments created as imitations of natural habitats, placing the audience within their own viewing enclosure. First commissioned and presented at Jupiter Artland, Edinburgh in 2018, the work has been re-imagined for the space at Zabludowicz Collection, to heighten the tension between observer and observed.

The high definition computer animation pulls together a range of references from BBC nature documentaries, vintage recordings of the circus to the logs and chain props used for the entertainment of animals living in naturalistic cages, offered up for human entertainment. The installation enacts the principles of landscape immersion that strives to blur the space between the animal and that of the viewer. Yet, through his use of two-way mirrors made translucent and reflective through a sequence of synchronised lights, Dook reinforces the viewer's complicity and empathy in this spectacle, as reflections of one's self are layered over images from the video, as well as those observing you.

As part of his exhibition, Dook will present a screening programme of documentary, artists' films and found material that has directly influenced the work and expands on his interests in the way we consume and construct images of animals on Sunday 24 February.

BIOGRAPHY

Ollie Dook (b.1993, Brighton and Hove, UK) received his MA from the Royal College of Art in London in 2017 specialising in sculpture and moving image. Dook's work has since been exhibited both nationally and internationally at various venues including Jupiter Artland, Commissioned as part of Edinburgh Arts Festival, Edinburgh; Hannah Barry Gallery, London; and Piet Zwart Institute, Rotterdam. Most recent projects include *Silly Symphony*, Ex-Baldessarre, Bedford, in December 2018. Dook was awarded Landmark PLC Prize in 2015.

Zabludowicz Collection Invites: Dedicated to solo presentations by UK-based artists without UK commercial gallery representation.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

ZABLUDOWICZ COLLECTION

Zabludowicz Collection is a philanthropic organisation including a growing collection of contemporary art and a programme of international exhibitions, events and artists' residencies.

Founded in 1994, the Collection is dedicated to fostering new audiences and a sustainable environment for contemporary art, offering a variety of opportunities and support for artists and art organisations. All of its activities are privately funded and free for the public to access.

The collection contains over 3000 works of art by more than 600 artists, spanning 40 years of art production. Its focus is on emerging art from the late 20th century to the present day and it is in constant development. The Collection has been directed since 2006 by Elizabeth Neilson.

In 2007 the Collection opened its main exhibition space in London, in a 19th Century former Methodist Chapel, where it has worked with artists, curators and the collection to produce exhibitions and events examining contemporary art practice in a public forum. The Collection now also runs an international programme of exhibitions, events, residencies and commissions across four permanent venues in the UK, USA and Finland. The programme is directed by Maitreyi Maheshwari.

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Admission: FREE

Thursday–Sunday, 12–6pm or by appointment

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