## Press Release GERALD MOORE GALLERY at Eltham College

## 'Tell us a story...'

13 January – 19 February 2022

Private View: Thursday 13 January, 4pm-8pm Open to public Saturday 10am-4pm or by appointment Gerald Moore Gallery, Mottingham Ln, London, SE9 4RW



The Cuckoo who flew backwards ©Gerald Moore, 1977.

'*Tell us a story*...' is an exhibition celebrating storytelling through visual means, featuring works from emerging and contemporary illustrators and animators.

This is the first exhibition focused on illustration and animation that the Gerald Moore Gallery has curated, and each work has been selected by students aged 11-16 from Eltham College, for their ability to spark imagination and delve into other worlds.

A selection of artists were researched by Curator Ruth Borthwick, to be shortlisted by students at Eltham College, each sent in images and film that responded to the title, *'Tell us a story...'* with 20 invited to exhibit from this selection process.

Students were asked to consider how each image had a narrative within the work that captured their interest.

Quote from Year 7 student: 'I was looking for works that were magical, intriguing and colourful. I kept thinking, which really tells a story.'

This exhibition will begin a series of celebrations for the Gerald Moore Gallery's 10-year anniversary in 2022. The gallery was made possible by the generous contribution of Dr Gerald Moore and is a centre for art and learning within the grounds of Eltham College. Dr Moore, himself was an avid artist and family man, and during his lifetime created a story book for his children titled, '*The Cuckoo who flew backwards*' about a cuckoo who

heads to Heathfield Park to sing in the spring – which was the previous home of the author and his family.

Illustrations and quotes from this book will be exhibited alongside the new contemporary works and the exhibition will coincide with storytelling and children's art and illustration workshops for the public during the February half term.

## Artists include:

Jason Chuyung, Francesca Coen, Georgia Cowley, Elinor Duffy, Yaoyu Han, Ziyoo Hwang, Joseph O'Donnell, Marina Pacios Ortolá, Dide Tengiz, Chenyue Yuan and more.

**Gerald Moore Gallery** is a young centre for modern and contemporary art with learning at its heart. Opened in April 2012, in Mottingham, the gallery is uniquely set within the grounds of Eltham College and is a valuable resource for the students and the local community. The gallery has gained momentum hosting some exciting exhibitions including works by Matisse, Louise Bourgeois and Cornelia Parker, whilst supporting emerging local artists. In unison with the exhibitions, the gallery's outreach programme works with local community groups, teachers and schools, creating lasting relationships with our locality. Gerald Moore Gallery was made possible with the foresight and generosity of Old Elthamian, Dr Gerald Moore, many of whose works are archived at the gallery and who has a permanent exhibition on display.

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