

Carolyn Thompson *Vague Poetics*

The Outset Archive on the Mezzanine

15 March -16 April 2023, Wed-Sun, 12-6pm

Private View and whitebook launch: 12 March, 2-5pm

Matt's Gallery is delighted to present *Vague Poetics*, a new body of work by Carolyn Thompson. The project comprises a new video work on MattFlix and a physical exhibition of the same name, centred around a new whitebook publication.

Vague Poetics is created from and in response to text found within the first 40 Matt's Gallery whitebooks that were published to accompany exhibitions produced at the gallery from 1983 to 2019. During this time, the gallery was located at Martello Street E8 3PE, Copperfield Road E3 4RR, Decima Street SE1 4QR and Webster Road SE16 4DF.

The narrative of *Vague Poetics* is compiled from words and sentences lifted from the booklets, while the on-screen text describes the text source of each excerpt as and when it is spoken. The film consists of three sections from a larger body of fictional texts and essays that appear in the accompanying publication.

The *Vague Poetics* whitebook is available free of charge from the exhibition.

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Carolyn Thompson is represented by Eagle Gallery.

Carolyn Thompson (b.1976) lives and works in York.

Education

2003 MA Fine Art Sculpture, Wimbledon College of Art, London **2002** BA (Hons) Fine Art, Coventry University of Art and Design

Selected solo exhibitions & performances

2022 This, of course, is all speculation - Darlington Head of Steam Museum & Centre for Local Studies **2021** The Last Walk Home - Chrysalis Arts Residency, Pickering Library, North Yorkshire **2020** Post Moderns - Eagle Gallery **2019** Post Moderns, Laurence Sterne Trust, York **2014** Great Loves & Other Works - Eagle Gallery, London **2012** Folie à deux / An Absent Presence - Laurence Sterne Trust, York **2008** Centre Point - Solihull Arts Complex, Birmingham **2006** All Times Local - Maus Habitats, Porto, Portugal, Missing - Hans Price Gallery, Weston-super-Mare.

Recent group exhibitions & performances

2023 Re-readings - Eagle Gallery, London **2022** North East Open - Middlesbrough Art Weekender, Unfolding Origins - North Yorkshire County Records Office, touring to Selby Abbey **2021** Holy, Holy, Holy - No Show Space, London, Imprints Art Editing Modernism - Laurence Sterne Trust, York with University of Glasgow, Glasgow School of Art and University of Edinburgh, Silent Fire - Nasty Women Connecticut & Yale Institute of Sacred Music **2020** MCBA Prize - Minnesota Center for Book Arts **2019** Somewhere in-Between - Brixton Tate Library, London, The Flourish of Liberty - Laurence Sterne Trust, York, 1968 - Eagle Gallery, London

Recent prizes & residencies

2021 Dover Prize Creative Award - Creative Darlington & County Durham Community Foundation, Unfolding Origins - Chrysalis Arts and North Yorkshire County Records Office residency **2020** MCBA Prize, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, USA, winner of the People's Book Art Award **2019** Archive Humanitas, US, online residency.