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CASTING COUCH

Cathy Gale & Carol Wyss

Three years of conversation have recently led to three intensive months of creativity and the start of a new collaborative art practice for Cathy Gale and Carol Wyss.

Tired of the solitary and often invisible work of making art, both artists started casting the landscapes of their bodies. As the small studio started to fill with these casts, shapes seemed to shift – Gale and Wyss' spontaneous interaction with the pieces created a space for each of them to respond.

On their own, they would absorb and reinvent each other's idea, continuing a creative dialogue - art that speaks of rhythm in structure, of changing identities, of one act of creation when it meets and responds to another's imagination.

Given the opportunity to use an experimental space at Harts Lane Studios in New Cross Gate, London, Gale and Wyss decided to move their collaboration from the solitude of the studio to public exposure. The idea for this project is an exploration of the physicality of the human body through casting and mark making. What happens to the shapes cast in the crowded studio when they're placed in a raw empty space? How do the shapes and the space interact?

The artists want people to look at the body more closely and invite the audience to be part of the artwork – offering to cast shapes of their bodies. Combining casts made in the studio and those made on site, Gale and Wyss are seeking to create an installation that makes you wonder what you're really looking at.

Harts Lane Studios
17 Harts Lane
London SE14 5UP
PV Friday 29th May 2015 6.30-9pm
Sat 30th & Sun 31st May 11-6pm

Casting session Wed 27th May 2-5pm
If you are interested in taking part in a casting session please email castingcouch@btinternet.com for more information. Please note that places are limited and booking is essential.

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