

House of Revision / House of Repair

by Uma Breakdown

Friday 5th June - Monday 27th July

House of Revision / House of Repair by Uma Breakdown is a project about love, restraint, liberty, pain, growth and collapse. Commissioned by 'a space' arts for God's House Tower, the exhibition explores alternative routes through time, drawing on fact and fiction to reimagine the past and speculate about the future.

Working across drawing, fiction, animation, code and sculpture, the artist revisits the building's past as a Bridewell - an 18th-century institution established to confine so-called "idlers, vagrants and prostitutes". The exhibition asks what a place of spiritual and physical repair for people seen as 'other' might be, if freed from the authority of state and church that underpinned these 'Houses of Correction' and the subsequent systems they have evolved into since.

Using the unique history and architecture of God's House Tower, as well as the artist's home of the North East, *House of Revision / House of Repair* imagines a sacred grove for fringe cultures and unconventional communities with alternative belief systems, such as ancient outlawed religions and pre-modern travelling performance groups, centering communal care at the edges of legality.

Such alternative models include the hundreds of years and thousands of miles journey of The Cult of Cybele which would eventually lead to a shrine in Corbridge, Northumbria. Other models include outlawed performance from the Chester Mystery Plays to the parties closed by the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act of 1994.

House of Revision / House of Repair is an exhibition about fiction and fantasy, trees and treasures, love and refusal. It's a show about knives, fires and liquids; scaffolds, flowers and dogs.

Associated Exhibition

Lies and Truth by Jackie Eksi in the Crawford Room

Thursday 18th June - Monday 22nd June

Lies and Truth is an installation inspired by the film *Labyrinth* and informed by the artist's personal struggles with disorientation, distractions, forgetfulness and hiding in a fantasy. This new body of work was made possible thanks to the Outside In and The Arts Society South Downs Dr Andrew Edney Artist Bursary scheme.

Associated Events

FLARB (Free, Lazy, Arty, Radical Bookclub)

Sunday 7th June, 11:30am - 1pm

Join artist and ZEST co-director, Ellen Gillett, for a fun, informal conversation about a newly commissioned essay, written in response to the exhibition, *IMAGINE THIS SITUATION* By Odete.

In Focus Zine Workshop: Rags to Riches

Sunday 7th June, 2:30pm - 4pm

This free Zine Workshop led by In Focus will explore the theme 'Rags to Riches' and the current exhibition at God's House Tower.

Celebration Event: Lies and Truth Exhibition by Jackie Eksi

Saturday 19th June, 2pm - 4pm

Join us as we celebrate Jackie Eksi's exhibition, *Lies and Truth* and hear from the artist herself.

In Focus Zine Workshop: Overcoming the Monster

Saturday 11th July, 2:30pm - 4pm

This free Zine Workshop led by In Focus will explore the theme 'Overcoming the Monster' and the current exhibition at God's House Tower.

Artist Voices: In Conversation with Uma Breakdown and Dudley Dream Walsh (Online)

Thursday 16th July, 6pm - 8pm

Join artists Uma Breakdown and Dudley Dream Walsh for an in-conversation, as they discuss the ideas and themes in Uma's exhibition, *House of Revision / House of Repair*.

Workshop: GHT Creative Writing Group

Saturday 9th May, 2:30pm - 4pm

Led by Liz Amos, this writing group offers a series of free workshops using our contemporary art programme as the stimulus for creativity. Beginners welcome!

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