

PRESS RELEASE COMPOUND NOTIONS ART EXHIBITION May 21st - 24th 2026

Compound Notions is a 4 day art exhibition presenting 64 contemporary artists' interpretations on the theme of COLLAGE. The exhibition explores the definition of the term through experimental and traditional media. Curated by the directors of Collaborative Arts CIC, Jo McCormick, Frog Morris and Sarah Sparkes, for Art Hub Studios CIC in New Cross South East London, UK.

Compound Notions includes works rooted in the traditions and conventions of collage - decoupage, cut and paste, assemblage and use of found materials, alongside pieces that push the boundaries of the definition with novel materials, installation, sound and performance. The curators have taken a creative approach to hanging, with the exhibition presenting as a large scale, immersive contemporary collage.

In the 2019 exhibition "Cut and Paste: 400 years of Collage" at The National Galleries, Scotland, figures such as Mary Delaney demonstrated that collage was not a twentieth century invention but an earlier, often feminised form of knowledge - making and world - ordering. While common historical narratives place the invention of collage with cubism, Compound Notions draws attention to the genre's roots in textile, mosaic and scrapbooking.

Free workshops accompanying the exhibition will allow the audience to express themselves in a variety of ways.

Thursday 21st May 6-9pm Cut and Paste:

Join us at the opening party and collaborate with exhibiting artists and other visitors to create a large scale collage for display at the exhibition, or make your own small scale collage to take home.

Saturday 23rd May 2- 4pm Upcycled Futures, Composing a bRave New World:

Join a participatory sound workshop where artist Margarita Novikova invites you into a creative, performative journey with discarded materials and found objects.

Sunday 24th May 2-4pm Textile Collage:

Make collages using denim and other fabrics, sewing with simple hand stitches. delivered by South London based artist Claire Russell. Suitable for all ages and levels of ability. Materials and equipment included.

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DATES: Runs for 4 days May 21st – 24th. Exhibition ends 6pm Sunday May 24th

VENUE: Art Hub Studios CIC, Mornington Centre, Stanley Street SE8 4BL London UK
Nearest station New Cross (5 mins walk) Deptford (10 mins walk) Deptford Bridge (15 mins walk)
Buses 53, 453, 177

OPENING HOURS: 11am – 6pm Gallery Entrance

OPENING PARTY: Thursday 21st May 6 – 9pm with live dance, sound art, music and spoken word

WORKSHOPS: FREE (optional donation) All materials and equipment provided. Suitable for all

Cut and Paste Collage: Thursday May 21st 6-9pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/>

Participatory Sound: Saturday May 23rd 2-4pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/>

Textile Collage: Sunday May 24th 2-4pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/>



EXHIBITING ARTISTS

1. alexandre santacruz
2. Alice Labant
3. Alice Renouf
4. Alice Saga
5. Alke Schmidt
6. Andrea G Artz
7. Anna Kompaniets
8. Anthony Josef
9. Beatrice Giacomini
10. Bernard Walsh
11. Caroline Gregory and Bert Barten
12. Caroline Wright
13. Caxton Changemakers
14. Cerulean and Bug
15. Charlie Fox
16. Charlotte Squire
17. Claire Russell
18. Daniel Lehan
19. Dean Makhni
20. Deborah Carew
21. Dick Graham
22. Edori Fertig
23. Frog Morris
24. Gabrielle Hawkins
25. Gail Dickerson
26. Harry Pye
27. Himani J Weir
28. Joanne Morgan
29. Jacqueline Utley
30. Jane Millar
31. Janet Barfield
32. Jason Gibliaro
33. Jo McCormick
34. Julia Maddison
35. Katie Overstall
36. Kay Senior
37. Lady Lucy
38. Lana Desastre
39. Mande Gage
40. Mandy Prowse
41. Marcia Scott
42. Margarita Novikova
43. Marq Kearey
44. Martha Mai
45. Michelle Butcher
46. Michelle Russell
47. Mikey B Georgeson
48. Nicole Mollett
49. Patricia Maitland
50. Rebecca Feiner
51. Richard Couzins
52. Rob Sear
53. Roisin Quinn Wallace
54. Sandra Kinchin Thorley
55. Sandra Wallace
56. Sarah Doyle
57. Shelagh Doonan
58. The Gut Girls (Sarah Sparkes & Liberty Rowley)
59. Tina Bueno
60. Tracey Francis
61. Usha Chitsabesan
62. Vanya Balogh
63. Victoria Morris
64. Yair Meshoulam



