

News Release – November 2018

New exhibition explores the past, present and future of Milton Keynes

Pavilion of Change, an exhibition exploring ideas of change, arts education, and the past, present, and future of Milton Keynes, opens in MK Gallery's Project Space on Friday 30 November.

In 2016, artists Wright & Vandame discovered an archival image of Milton Keynes under construction with the sign, "Changed Priorities Ahead". The image and sign communicated a message which was ambiguous and uncertain, invoking ideas of change and indeterminacy. The artists have taken this work as a starting point for a public sculpture for MK Gallery and the inspiration for *Pavilion of Change*.

Speaking about the project, artist Josh Wright said *"It's over two years ago now since I stumbled across the image in the British Library. We had just been invited to become MK Gallery Associate Artists and there was such a buzz around the 50th anniversary of Milton Keynes and I was curious to uncover more. I wasn't really looking for anything and I was just struck by this beautiful image with this sign 'Changed Priorities Ahead'. It really resonated with the history of Milton Keynes but also the future of MK Gallery and this new step in the gallery's history."*

Guillaume Vandame said *"We hope that the Pavilion of Change can explore ideas of change in complex and challenging ways. The space functions as a participatory installation activated by visitors. In some ways, the works of art will also have a life of their own and become active participants within the space. Ultimately, we want the exhibition to embody change in ways that are personal, political, spiritual, and even universal. After all, the only constant is change."*

Pavilion of Change includes a display by the artists which will change throughout the duration of the exhibition; a series of new commissions by MK Gallery's Associate Artists - Amy Leung, Carlos Cortes, Alice Boland-Rhodes, and Teresa Paiva; participatory art works created by the public; and a dynamic public programme with live events, and talks. Each day will provide something new, unexpected and exciting for visitors.

All are welcome to enjoy the exhibition and the opening night on Thursday 29 November from 6-8pm.

Visit www.mkgallery.org to find out more.

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Notes to Editors

Wright & Vandame

Josh Wright (b.1993, High Wycombe) and Guillaume Vandame (b. 1991, New York), collectively known as Wright & Vandame, live and work in London. Central to their practice, the artists explore the possibilities of collaboration and audience engagement through lively participatory art, performance, photography, video, sculpture and installation. In particular the artists are especially interested in questions of authorship and ownership of space, areas of expertise, and the role of artist. They have shown at fig-2 at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, Gazelli Art House, London, Chi-Wen Gallery, Taipei and recently completed a socially engaged, lens-based residency at Photofusion, London between 2016 and 2018.

<http://www.wrightvandame.com>

MK Gallery

MK Gallery presents free, changing exhibitions of world class art. Renowned for its exhibitions of international contemporary art, the gallery's programme is diversifying to include historical shows alongside the contemporary.

MK Gallery was founded in Central Milton Keynes in 1999 as part of a major theatre and gallery complex. While the theatre has become one of the most successful outside of London, the gallery opened with a solo show by Gilbert & George and has presented a very broad range of exhibitions, from Archigram to Gilberto Zorio via Michael Craig-Martin, Nasreen Mohamedi, Piranesi and Andy Warhol. The gallery frequently tours its exhibitions to international partners across the world, is a regular publisher, and producer of a dynamic and diverse public programme, working closely with local schools and community groups.

MK Gallery is part of the Arts Council's National Portfolio and a member of the Plus Tate network.

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