

VISIONS

in the nunnery

Celebrating 10 years of Visions
Special Exhibition Programme

Visions in the Nunnery hosts Museums at Night Event 'Pilgrim's Gathering with Susan Hiller', featuring new work by Hiller and upcoming film duo Webb-Ellis

Pilgrim's Gathering with Susan Hiller: Thursday 27 October, 6-9pm FREE

Inspired by Susan Hiller Programme: 25-30 October, Nunnery Gallery

Exhibition: 5 October – 18 December 2016 [See full programme](#)



Still from *The Skin Beneath the Clothes* Webb-Ellis 2016; courtesy the Nunnery Gallery; copyright the artists.

Following the Nunnery Gallery's winning of the Museum at Night *Connect! Competition* to work with renowned artist Susan Hiller, the Gallery will unveil new work made as part of the Pilgrimage Project at a special late night event.

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Artist duo Webb-Ellis unveil their new installation *The Skin Beneath the Clothes* under the gothic arches of the Nunnery Gallery. Revealing the experience of the pilgrimage Webb-Ellis led to an ancient well in nearby Valentine's Park in September, the immersive installation will take the viewer on a journey exploring the hidden potential of the ordinary, surrounded by sacred water vessels collected by the 'pilgrims' who took part.

Inspired by Susan Hiller's on-going *Homage to Joseph Beuys* series, which collects water from sacred or once-sacred sites around the world, the exhibition will also showcase a new cabinet from Hiller – a rare opportunity to see some of her recently collected holy water samples.



Susan Hiller *Homage to Joseph Beuys*, series of felt-lined cabinets containing antique bottles of holy water collected by the artist around the world; ongoing from 1969. Courtesy and copyright Susan Hiller.

The evening will unfold with the offering of food – made from ingredients gathered on the pilgrimage route – and shots of sloe gin, shared through a hallowed vessel inspired by those used by the pilgrims in their gathering of water from Jacob's Well. The event will be a rare gathering exploring shared place, memory and a journey through east London.



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The community pilgrimage – that brought together members of east London’s diverse community on a shared journey from the Nunnery Gallery, Bow to Jacob’s Well, Valentine’s Park, Ilford – took place on the Autumn Equinox in September. The ‘pilgrims’ walked the seven-mile journey, led by Webb-Ellis, and then drew water from the Well, which, built on top of a natural spring, constantly bubbles fresh water. The collected samples will feature in Webb-Ellis’s installation.

Established in 1999, *Visions in the Nunnery* offers an informed overview of the provocative and quick-changing mediums of moving image and performance. The 2016 exhibition, celebrating the show’s tenth edition, showcases over 100 artists’ work through an innovative six-part programme, punctuated by 12 events featuring live performances in the gallery and its unique Victorian enclosed courtyard. The show was selected from over 1,500 international submissions by curators Cinzia Cremona and Tessa Garland.

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Notes to editors

Exhibition: Visions in the Nunnery

Dates: 5 October – 18 December 2016

Address: Nunnery Gallery, Bow Arts, 181 Bow Road, London E3 2SJ

Telephone: +44 (0)20 8980 7774

Opening Hours: Tues – Sun, 10am – 5pm

Admission: Free

Travel: Bow Road Tube Station, Bow Church DLR

About *Visions in the Nunnery*

Established in 1999, the open submission exhibition *Visions in the Nunnery* was pioneering in its championing of emerging and experimental moving image practice, exhibiting artists such as Oreet Ashery, Lucy Beech & Edward Thomasson, Heather Phillipson and Matt Stokes at the very early stages of their careers. With all work having to be made in the last two years, *Visions* has drawn submissions from over 15 countries and attracted leading artists to showcase their latest exploratory work. The last *Visions in the Nunnery* was in 2012; the 2016 show is the tenth edition.

About Bow Arts

Bow Arts Trust was established as an educational arts charity in 1995 and supports a community of over 400 artists with affordable, secure and creative workspaces. Bow Arts also runs the Nunnery Gallery, a contemporary art gallery which supports a diverse range of local, national and international exhibitions and events.

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