

# Saatchi Gallery reopens with exhibition 'LONDON GRADS NOW'

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Installation View, Royal College of Art: *Jahvani Inniss, Matthew Dommett, Femi Adeleye, Li Chen, Katu Gardner, Huiping Yang*

**Saatchi Gallery** reopens to the public on **Thursday September 3rd, 2020** with ‘**London Grads Now**.’. This thought-provoking exhibition showcases works by graduating students from London’s leading fine art schools including: **Royal College of Art, UCL: Slade School of Art, Goldsmiths: University of London, UAL: Chelsea College of Arts, UAL: Wimbledon College of Arts, UAL: Camberwell College of Arts and UAL: Central Saint Martins.**

Following the unprecedented cancellation of graduation shows across London due to COVID-19 restrictions, **Saatchi Gallery** with the generous support of **Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery**, invited students and lecturers to organise an exhibition that would enable graduating students to showcase their works safely within international-quality gallery spaces. Through an incredibly collaborative effort **London Grads Now** will bring together under one exhibition over 150 graduating artists and more

than 200 works. **Saatchi Gallery**, which transitioned to a charitable organisation in 2019 and relies upon private donations and public support, has a strong commitment to expanding and improving the knowledge and passion for the arts, particularly contemporary art. **London Grads Now** is a key part of that ongoing commitment.



Installation View, UAL: Camberwell, Chelsea, Wimbledon: *Simon Job, Hamish Pringle*

The exhibition was curated by **Mandy Franca** (curator of selected works from **Royal College of Art**), **Victoria Cantons** (curator of selected works from **UCL: Slade School of Art**), **Januario Jano** (curator of selected works from **Goldsmiths, University of London**), **Juan Bolivar** (curator of selected works from **UAL: Chelsea College of Arts, UAL: Wimbledon College of Arts and UAL: Camberwell College of Arts**), and **Mazzy-Mae Green & Greta Voeller** (curators of selected works from **UAL: Central Saint Martins**). Graphic design graduates from **UAL: Central Saint Martins, Abbie Liley and Lili Philips** designed all promotional materials of **London Grads Now**.



Installation View, Goldsmiths University of London: *Ajla Yi, Gina Decagna, Tessa Brown, Taryn O'Rielly, Sora Park*

**Juan Bolivar**, painting lecturer and curator for the selection of works from **UAL: Camberwell, Chelsea and Wimbledon**, commented “This exhibition of London-wide MA graduates is an incredible opportunity to celebrate the work of a new generation of artists and recognise the resilience of the human spirit. Selecting from a rich variety and diversity of MA graduates practices that have been nurtured during their time at **CCW (Camberwell, Chelsea and Wimbledon)**, one can feel reassured that in this glimpse of voices we have a future. This is a London art scene that is alive and kicking.”



Installation View, UAL: Camberwell, Chelsea, Wimbledon: *Claudio Pestana, Rachel Causer, Sinda Chung, Betty Leung, Fungai Marima*

## **EXHIBITION KEY INFORMATION:**

**Private View:** Wednesday 2nd September 5PM – 8PM, Limited admission. Strictly RSVP only.

**Exhibition Date:** Thursday 3rd September through Friday, 25 September 2020. Open to the public five days a week, Wednesdays through Sundays from 10AM till 6PM.

**Admission:** Saatchi Gallery Members: Free (pre-booking required), Standard entry: £3.

**Pre-bookings:** tickets available via

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-grads-now-tickets-117228227785>

**Location:** Saatchi Gallery, Duke of York's HQ King's Rd, Chelsea, London SW3 4RY



Installation View, UAL: Camberwell, Chelsea, Wimbledon: *Maja Quille, Lilophililia (Liliana Romeo), Linyue Rang*



Installation View, Goldsmiths University of London: *Jingshi Wang, Anosha Khan, Asut Ishaq, Paulina Figerou Garduro, Finn Clough-Holland, Anna Perach*



Installation View, Slade School of Fine Art:*Ella West, Geraldine Snell, Maven, Khushna Sulaman-Butt*