

STUDIO UPSTAIRS

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Studio Upstairs is a collective of artists working together within a therapeutic framework and it is celebrating its 20th Anniversary with a major exhibition of paintings, drawings and sculptures linking over 50 artists, at the **Candid Arts Gallery** at the Angel Islington **26 – 28 September 08**.

Studio Upstairs started its life 20 years ago at the **Diorama Arts Centre** organised by a collective of fine artists, musicians, theatre companies, disability groups and psychotherapists. At the time this way of working was radically different to any other. Against all the odds, **Studio Upstairs** has successfully established itself as an intrinsic part of the contemporary cultural scene.

This unique community follows in the traditions of **Black Mountain College** and the **Philadelphia Association**, founded by **RD Laing**, and their respective approaches to art in education and therapeutic communities. Studio membership includes: people who are dealing with mental health problems or emotional distress, art therapists and volunteer artists, who all produce their work under the same roof and exhibit alongside one another.

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Patrons: Monika Kinley — Curator of the Outsider Collection and Archive, Norbert Lynton — Art Historian
Trustees: Hannah Grant, David Megginson, Nariman Gandhi

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In this studio environment, fragile or intense emotions are free to become the focus of the working process.

Candid Arts' mandate is to promote the arts and arts education with special emphasis placed on helping newly graduated artists and designers in their first years out of college.

The Private View will take place on 26 September from 6pm – 9pm.
The exhibition will continue over the weekend of 27 and 28 September.

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