

LDF 25' (13/09/25 - 04/10/25)

Lingerings

Yu Mei Huang, Alexandra Yan Wong, Tom Collison and Ayumi Kajiwara

It's a local collective presents *Lingerings*, an exhibition that explores the poetics of sensory landscape and the resonance of material memory through four innovative, material-led practices. Set within the domestic intimacy of a Georgian townhouse, the exhibition invites visitors into a sensory landscape of touch, texture, and time—where lingering is both method and metaphor.

The works examine how material in art can act as a second skin, a progressive narrative, or a vessel of memory. **Yu Mei Huang** probes the psychoanalytic relationship between materials and the body, constructing spatial forms that evoke skin, cradle, and softness. **Alexandra Yan Wong**, formerly a linguist of German literature and philosophy, draws upon syntax to engage with stain, paper, textile, and wood. Her works speak through concealment and erosion—each gesture a sentence, each surface a palimpsest.

Tom Collison disciplinarily folds paper to frame space within each sheet. His works hover between presence and process, where repetition and movement reveal both the delicacy and architectural tension of paper. **Ayumi Kajiwara** weaves a language of survival—salvaging discarded objects and textile fragments into garments full of story and spirit. Bottle caps, bark, waste yarn, and street-found objects become vessels of beauty and collective memory, stitched together with care and urgency.

Private View Saturday 13 September, 3–5pm
Open House Saturday 20 September, 1–6pm

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Notes to Editors

It's a local collective is a London based art/architectural collective about creating objects/buildings that bring people together. The studio works at the intersection of architecture, art, and anthropology, delivering architectural installations, exhibition designs and public programmes.

The gallery of *it's a local collective* is housed in a Georgian Townhouse in Bloomsbury, London. Specialising in contemporary art with an emphasis on translating research through art, its curatorial projects bring together a unique portfolio of emerging and established contemporary artists, such as *Yushi Li*, *Kechun Zhang*, *Yuxiao Ran*, and *Jia Xi Li* among others. The studio's projects have been featured in *Architects' Journal*, *Archdaily*, *Elle Decor*, *Stir*, *Wallpaper** and more.

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