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Prospect Refuge Hazard

Helen Sear

18 January to 16 March 2019

Prospect Refuge Hazard responds to the sights and sounds of the forest, from deer calls and bird-song to tree-felling and paintball battles. The exhibition title refers to the work of influential geographer Jay Appleton. His 'prospect-refuge' theory aims to explain instinctive human responses to the dangers of the natural environment, and why we find certain places beautiful.

Immerse yourself in the special screening area to watch the films *Company of Trees* and *Wahaha Biota*, the result of a year spent working with Forestry Commission England in Yorkshire's Dalby Forest. Also on view are the video *Altar*, and the photographic series *Stack*, *Becoming Forest* and *Paintball Pictures*, produced specially for Impressions Gallery and exhibited for the first time.

Helen Sear says, 'For over thirty years, I have been making artworks about how we experience landscape and nature. I am exploring how we relate to our environment and coexist with other living creatures'.

To find out more, browse the reading table, read the exhibition guide, or join us for *Brunch with Helen Sear* on Saturday 2 February, 12pm to 1pm. Pick up a leaflet for full details and information on lots more free talks and events. The publications *Inside the View* (£25) and *Brisées* (£20) are available to buy in our bookshop, with signed copies available on request.

Helen Sear (born UK, 1955) studied Fine Art at Reading University and the Slade School, University College London. She has exhibited widely, including at the Hayward Gallery, London (2004), Espai D'Art Contemporani in Castellon, (2005), Gallery Harmonia in Finland (2006) and Klompching Gallery, New York (2010). *Grounded*, curated by Impressions Gallery, toured nationally between 2003 and 2005. Helen Sear was the first woman to represent Wales with a solo exhibition at the Venice Biennale (2015), the largest and most prestigious visual arts exhibition in the world. www.helensear.com

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