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## Press Release

Dreamers Awake

28 June - 17 September 2017

White Cube presents 'Dreamers Awake', a major exhibition exploring the enduring influence of Surrealism through the work of more than 50 women artists.

This group show brings together more than 180 works from the 1930s to the present day to explore sexual politics, eroticism, mysticism and identity.

From its earliest days, women artists have been drawn to Surrealism's emphasis on artistic freedom and unlocking the creative potential of the unconscious. By focusing on the work of a selection of women artists, 'Dreamers Awake' shows how the symbolic 'woman' – synonymous with Surrealism – is refigured as a creative, sentient, thinking being.

The exhibition features works by artists associated with the Surrealist movement – including **Eileen Agar, Leonora Carrington, Lee Miller, Dorothea Tanning** and **Leonor Fini** – who until recently, were characterised as muses, models or mistresses.

Photography, film, sculptures and installations by **Francesca Woodman, Hannah Wilke, Louise Bourgeois, Rosemarie Trockel, Kiki Smith, Paloma Varga Weisz, Mona Hatoum, Tracey Emin** and **Sarah Lucas**, among others, testify to the far-reaching influence of Surrealism through the intervening decades.

Also in the exhibition, Surrealism meets punk in the work of **Linder**, and infuses the separate cultural heritages of Iraqi artist **Hayv Kahraman** and Japanese painter **Tomoko Kashiki**.

Presenting new works by emerging international artists **Sascha Braunig, Jordan Kasey, Loie Hollowell, Kelly Akashi**, and **Caitlin Keogh**, the exhibition explores the continued relevance of Surrealist ideas to a new generation.

'Dreamers Awake' runs across all galleries at White Cube Bermondsey from 28 June to 17 September 2017. It is accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue with essays by the exhibition curator Susanna Greeves, and art historian Dr Alyce Mahon, author of *Eroticism and Art* (2005, 2007) and *Surrealism and the Politics of Eros, 1938-1968* (2005).

The full list of artists included in 'Dreamers Awake' are: Eileen Agar, Kelly Akashi, Maria Bartusová, Shannon Bool, Louise Bourgeois, Gabriella Boyd, Carina Brandes, Sascha Braunig, Claude Cahun, Jo Ann Callis, Leonora Carrington, Helen Chadwick, Ithell Colquhoun, Julie Curtiss, Berlinda De Bruyckere, A K Dolven, Tracey Emin, Leonor Fini, Siobhán Hapaska, Mona Hatoum, Loie Hollowell, Donna Huddleston, Elizabeth Jaeger, Cheyenne Julien, Hayv Kahraman, Jordan Kasey, Tomoko Kashiki, Caitlin Keogh, Rachel Kneebone, Eva Kotátková, Linder, Sarah Lucas, Nevine Mahmoud, Lee Miller, Shana Moulton, Grace Pailthorpe, Mimi Parent, Julia Phillips, Carol Rama, Edith Rimmington, Laurie Simmons, Penny Slinger, Kiki Smith, Alina Szapocznikow, Dorothea Tanning, Rosemarie Trockel, Paloma Varga Weisz, Gillian Wearing, Hannah Wilke, Issy Wood and Francesca Woodman.

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## Notes to Editors:

- Admission to White Cube is free. White Cube Bermondsey is open Tuesday–Saturday 10am–6pm and Sunday 12– 6pm. Address: 144-152 Bermondsey St, London SE1 3TQ, United Kingdom +44 (0)20 7930 5373. Website: [whitecube.com](http://whitecube.com)
- White Cube’s exhibition programme extends across its three gallery spaces: Bermondsey in South London, Mason’s Yard in St. James’s, London and Hong Kong Central district. Since its inception in 1993, the gallery has exhibited the work of many of the world’s most highly acclaimed contemporary artists.
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