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Press Release

Memory Palace

White Cube Bermondsey
11 July – 2 September 2018

White Cube Mason's Yard
11 July – 15 September 2018

Memory Palace is a major group exhibition extending across White Cube's London galleries in Bermondsey and Mason's Yard. Featuring more than 90 recent works by over 40 artists, the exhibition seeks to inspire reflections on the forms and themes of memory.

The exhibition's architecture – designed by RIBA award-winning practice vPPR – leads the viewer through six aspects of memory: Historical, Autobiographical, Traces, Transcription, Collective and Sensory. Referencing White Cube's existing gallery architecture, vPPR's design will bring works into dialogue in unexpected ways.

vPPR's director Jessica Reynolds says: 'We have taken the distinctive mesh ceiling of White Cube Bermondsey as the inspiration for the exhibition design to explore different kinds of architectural memory. The materiality of the mesh, carrying different imprints in its form, also links to cultural memory through references to archival storage systems.'

Highlights of the exhibition include:

- Christian Marclay's video 'Made To Be Destroyed' (2016) which features a montage of film and television clips of art works being demolished, highlighting narrative and cultural patterns whereby art is the victim of violence. Scenes playing with the 'memory aspect' – a recollection of the original source – segue into the unfamiliar, connecting moments of rage against the self or others with acts of comedic mishap.
- Mirosław Balka's monumental new work is made with more than 900 used bars of soap which are brought together into a single entity. Shaped through the daily use by many individuals, the sculpture gives form to the memory of the collective, the personal and the sensory.
- Mona Hatoum's new sculpture features a cage-like globe with the outline of the world map seared in burning red neon across the surface. This work recalls the artist's own history, through the forms of her earlier sculpture 'Hot Spot' (2006) as well as wider geo-political events in which the world is 'continually caught up in conflict and unrest'.

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Notes to Editors:

- At White Cube Hong Kong, the group exhibition *Remembering Tomorrow: Artworks and Archives* will be on view from 18 July to 25 August 2018. Items from the gallery's extensive archive of rarely seen objects and ephemera will feature alongside artworks by Etel Adnan, Tracey Emin, Theaster Gates, Gilbert & George, Raqib Shaw and He Xiangyu amongst others.
- vPPR Architects is an award-winning all female practice set up by Tatiana von Preussen, Catherine Pease and Jessica Reynolds in 2009. Known for bold designs that work intelligently in complex locations, vPPR are currently working on a project for the V&A while previous projects include exhibition designs at The Hepworth Wakefield for 'Alina Szapocznikow: Human Landscapes' (2017) and at Cubitt for 'Houses are Really Bodies: escape, defiance and friendship in the writing of Leonora Carrington' (2017).
- 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. Telephone +44 (0)20 7930 5373.

White Cube Mason’s Yard is open Tuesday–Saturday 10am–6pm. Address: 25–26 Mason’s Yard, St. James’s, London SW1Y 6BU, United Kingdom. Telephone: +44 (0)20 7930 5373

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- 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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