

EXHIBITION

Johanna Unzueta: *Tools for Life*[▲]

8 February – 10 May 2020

Preview Tour: Friday 7 February, 6.30–7pm

Preview Party: Friday 7 February, 7–8.30pm



Johanna Unzueta, *Field Station*; Johanna Unzueta, installation view at the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University, 2019. Photo: Eat Pomegranate Photography.

Tools for Life is the first ever UK solo exhibition of the work of Johanna Unzueta (b. 1974, Santiago, Chile, lives and works in New York, USA). Combining elements from craft techniques, natural tinting processes and repetitive mechanised movement, Unzueta's work explores labour's technological, historical and social impact on the human condition, and its relationship to nature.

Featuring a large-scale felt installation, a collection of garments, a film shot at a textile factory in Chile, a wall mural and a selection of freestanding geometric drawings inspired by patterns in nature, the exhibition reflects Unzueta's interest in shared histories of community, geography, nature and labour practices.

Through her manipulation of materials, scale, and manual processes, Unzueta draws the humanity out of the industrial. This exhibition prompts us to consider the unseen human efforts required to produce the objects and technologies we rely on in our everyday lives.

“My mum always said I learned to weave and knit before I learned to read and write. Hands are tools for me and I can't disconnect that.” – Johanna Unzueta

[▲] Supported by Johanna Unzueta Exhibition Circle, Modern Art Oxford's Commissioning Circle, Proyectos Ultravioleta, and DIRAC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile.

CREATIVE SPACE



Creative Space, 2018. Photo by Edmund Blok.

Visit our Creative Space to experiment, learn and play every day. At weekends between 12–4pm, members of our friendly team are here to help visitors create their own artworks. This spring discover a changing display of our ongoing project *How Nature Builds*, which offers creative explorations of nature, material processes and art.

SHOP



Modern Art Oxford Shop, 2019. Photo by Edmund Blok.

Modern Art Oxford's Shop is the perfect place to pick up unique gifts, art books, toys, jewellery and stunning pieces by local designer-makers. A series of Johanna Unzueta's prints, produced exclusively for Modern Art Oxford, will be for sale in the shop. Their sale helps to support our exhibitions and learning work. Find out more by following @mao_giftshop on Instagram.

CAFÉ

Visit the Modern Art Oxford café for a daily changing menu of delicious homemade lunches, irresistible cakes and pastries, and sensational coffee created using our house Lavazza blend.

EVENTS

Music

Sink Ya Teeth + Elouiza Friday 7 February, 8–10pm

Sink Ya Teeth fuse 80s and 90s inspired electronic dance music with post-punk bass lines and ferocious vocals. Support comes from singer-songwriter Elouiza. This gig is in collaboration with Young Women's Music Project.

Free, booking essential

Film

Johanna Unzueta: short films 8 February – 10 May

Alongside Johanna Unzueta's exhibition, a selection of her atmospheric films will be screened. The films are a record of the artist's travel and research, which have informed her practice and our current exhibition.

Free, drop in

Workshop

Organic pigments with Johanna Unzueta Saturday 8 February, 1–4pm

Join artist Johanna Unzueta to learn how to tint paper with natural dyes. Working with some of the artist's favourite organic pigments, this engaging afternoon will make you look at vegetables in a new light. All materials provided.

Tickets £25, £18 concession

breakTHE DECAY, 2019. Photo of *Continuing Bodies*, created during *How Nature Builds* 2018. Photo courtesy of Lillian Tranborg.



EVENTS

Workshop

Art x Yoga Saturdays 15 February, 21 March and 18 April, 9–10am

Practise yoga immersed in the textures and colours of Johanna Unzueta's exhibition. Inspired by her work, find calm and ignite your creativity in a unique gallery setting. Ticket price includes a hot drink afterwards in the Modern Art Oxford café.

Tickets £10 per class, £8 concession

Project

How Nature Builds Tuesdays 18 and 25 February and 3, 10, 17 and 24 March

Across six workshops, explore the relationships between the landscapes of the human body and the natural environment. Workshops will take place at Modern Art Oxford and Wytham Woods.

For ages 25+, visit our website to find out more

Tour

Exhibition Tours Saturday 22 February, 1–1.30pm and Fridays 13 March and 24 April, 1–1.30pm

These staff-led tours are an excellent opportunity to learn more about the current exhibition and the day-to-day work of the gallery.

Free, booking essential

Workshop

City As Studio: Creative Careers Saturday 22 February, 1–4pm

Thinking about what to do once you leave school or college? Join us for an afternoon in the Creative Space to hear from arts professionals about working across the creative industries.

Free, booking essential

Workshop

National Careers Week: Creative Careers Saturday 7 March, 1–4pm

Ever wonder what it's like to work in an art gallery or museum? Join creative professionals in the Creative Space for workshops, tours and discussions where they will share experiences of working in the arts and cultural sectors.

Free, booking essential

VISIT US

Modern Art Oxford is one of the UK's leading contemporary visual arts organisations. Entry to the gallery is free and open to all.



Address:
Modern Art Oxford
30 Pembroke St
Oxford OX1 1BP

Opening hours:
Tues–Sat 10am–5pm
Sun 12–5pm
Closed Monday

Accessibility:
Modern Art Oxford's public spaces span three floors. We have stair-free access to all floors. The entrance on St Ebbe's Street is at street level and there is a platform lift at the Pembroke Street entrance.

Schools and groups:
The gallery provides free school and group tours. For more information, contact +44 (0) 1865 722 733 or info@modernartoxford.org.uk.

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Activating our Archives Saturdays 14, 21 and 28 March and 4, 11 and 18 April	Project
Audiograft 2020 Thursday 19 March, 6–10pm	Music
Make Play Thursdays 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 April, 11am–12pm and 1–2pm	Workshop
City as Studio: Scratch Night Thursday 16 April, 6–8.30pm	Performance
EMPRES presents: The Art of Noises V Thursday 30 April, 6–10pm	Music
Labouring Bodies: Art, Work and History Thursday 7 May, 6.30–8pm	Talk

These listings are correct at the time of print. For latest listings and information visit modernartoxford.org.uk.

EVENTS

Project

Activating our Archives

Saturdays 14, 21 and 28 March and 4, 11 and 18 April

Discuss, curate and create, connecting the ways we represent ourselves and our communities online. Produce a collective online archive using your images, films and objects.

For ages 25+, visit our website to find out more

Music

Audiograft 2020

Thursday 19 March, 6–10pm

As part of the annual Audiograft festival, we present an evening of sound art and experimental composition hosted and curated by the Sonic Art Research Unit from Oxford Brookes University.

Free, booking essential

Performance

City as Studio: Scratch Night

Thursday 16 April, 6–8.30pm

Our City as Studio young artists have formed D.I.Y. film crews to create original art films that portray their lives and identities. Join them for an evening of scratch performances and short films.

Free, booking essential

Music

EMPRES presents: The Art of Noises V

Thursday 30 April, 6–10pm

Together with Oxford University's Electronic Music Practice Research group we present an evening exploring the boundaries between music, sound and technology. Taking over the galleries, the evening includes innovative performances and installations.

Free, booking essential

Talk

Labouring Bodies: Art, Work and History

Thursday 7 May, 6.30–8pm

Dr Danielle Child (Senior Lecturer of Art Theory and Practice, Manchester School of Art) explores Johanna Unzueta's varied practice in relation to themes of labour and capital in the 21st century.

Tickets £5, £3 concession

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Modern Art Oxford is dedicated to providing enjoyable and engaging activities for the whole family. Each season we have a series of hands-on workshops and events in our Creative Space.

This season, play with a sensory tool kit inspired by Johanna Unzueta. Use a giant spirograph to make geometric patterns and move your body to connect with nature.



Make Play workshop.
Photo by Stu Allsopp.

Sound Club

Saturday 29 February, 11am–12pm and 1–2pm

What is sound? How does it work? Local sound artists Harriet Butler and Shirley Pegna from the Sonic Art Research Unit at Oxford Brookes University take you on a sonic journey in the Creative Space. Using everyday objects, explore the many ways the world can open up through listening and playing with sound.

For ages 8–11 and their grown ups. Free, booking essential

Make Play

Thursdays 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 April, 11am–12pm and 1–2pm

Make Play sessions offer a sensory creative space for children aged 6 months to 5 years to explore with their parent and/or carer. Drawing on materials and themes within our exhibition, each session offers different experimental activities.

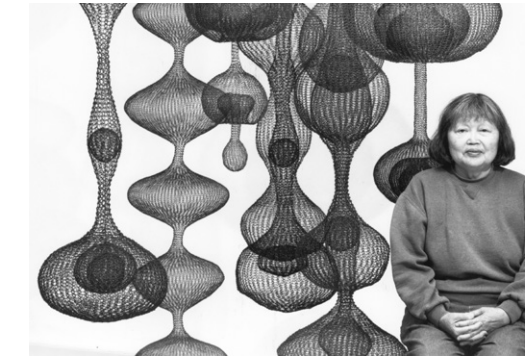
£2 per session or £7.50 for all 5 sessions, booking essential

Activity sheet

Our activity sheets provide fun and informative activities for children and families that are linked to our current exhibition. Pick one up for free from our Information Desk or Shop.

Share what you make in the Creative Space with us online [#learnatMAO](https://twitter.com/learnatMAO)

COMING SOON



Ruth Asawa. Photo (detail) by Laurence Cuneo © Estate of Ruth Asawa.

Ruth Asawa: *Citizen of the Universe*

30 May – 6 September 2020

This unprecedented exhibition of Japanese-American artist Ruth Asawa (b. 1926, Norwalk, California - d. 2013, San Francisco) is the first major presentation of her work in Europe. It showcases her stunning suspended wire-mesh sculptures and celebrates her dedication to art's role in education and society. This exhibition is in partnership with Stavanger Art Museum, Norway.



Anish Kapoor studio, 2019. © Anish Kapoor. All rights reserved, 2019.

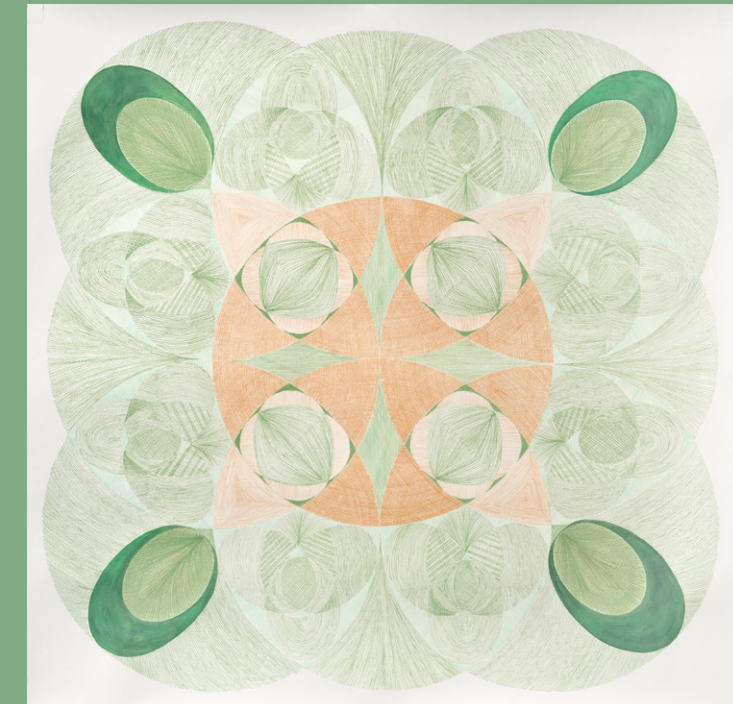
Anish Kapoor: *Painting*

26 September 2020 – 24 January 2021

A unique exhibition of paintings by Anish Kapoor (b. 1954, Mumbai, India, lives and works in London, UK). Curated with the internationally celebrated artist, this show explores the paintings that have been an integral part of Kapoor's studio practice. The materiality of Kapoor's substantial body of new works pushes the boundaries between sculpture and painting into visceral new ground.

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WHAT'S ON



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