

ASSEMBLY PRESS RELEASE

Members of the Royal Society of Sculptors bring 'Assembly' Exhibition to London's South Bank during Frieze Season

8th October – 15th November
Hypha Gallery South Bank

This autumn, *Assembly* brings together 35 members and fellows of the Royal Society of Sculptors at Hypha Gallery South Bank, following its inaugural presentation in Sunderland earlier this year.

Opening during Frieze season, the exhibition brings a diverse group of established sculptors into a new architectural and cultural context, creating an opportunity for audiences, collectors, curators and artists to encounter contemporary sculpture beyond the conventional gallery framework.

Curated by Alexandra Carr MRSS and Alex Breeze of Breeze Creatives, *Assembly* began in Sunderland as an experiment in artistic freedom, exchange and collaboration. The London presentation continues that spirit while allowing the works to enter into dialogue with the distinctive context of Southbank and the international activity surrounding Frieze.

The exhibition brings together practices spanning installation, object-making, architectural intervention, film, performance and material experimentation. Across the exhibition, sculpture moves between the intimate and monumental, the poetic and political, the familiar and unexpected.

Together, the works explore the capacity of sculpture to transform space and shape human encounter, while engaging with themes including ecology, identity, migration, labour, landscape, memory and the human experience. Rather than presenting a single definition of what sculpture can be, *Assembly* reflects the breadth of approaches being pursued by artists working within the field today.

The move from Sunderland to London marks a further development of the project. Following its presentation within Sunderland's historic Athenaeum building, *Assembly* now enters a very different cultural landscape, bringing the work of its artists into proximity with major institutions, galleries, collectors and international audiences during one of the most significant periods in London's art calendar.

At Hypha Gallery South Bank, the exhibition will be accompanied by a programme of artist-led conversations, tours, performances, workshops and other encounters, creating opportunities to experience the exhibition through the artists themselves and to explore some of the ideas, processes and materials that underpin their practices.

Co-curator Alexandra Carr MRSS says:

"The original idea behind *Assembly* was quite simple: to give artists the freedom to make ambitious work and to see what might happen when a group of sculptors are brought together without prescribing what that exchange should look like. Taking the exhibition to London gives us a chance to continue that experiment in a very different context."

Alex Breeze of Breeze Creatives adds:

"It's amazing to see *Assembly* moving from Sunderland to London during Frieze. What began as a chance for a group of artists to come together and experiment has developed into a bold exhibition and has taken on a life of its own. Bringing the exhibition to a new audience feels like a really exciting next step for the project."

Exhibition Information

Assembly

Hypha Gallery South Bank
Gallery 3
42 Southwark Bridge Road
London SE1 9EU

Private View: 12th October 2026

Exhibition Dates: 8th October – 15th November 2026

Opening Hours: Thursday–Sunday, 12–6pm

Admission: Free

Wine generously sponsored by Art of Wine

Hypha Gallery South Bank is in partnership with HUB Living and Bridges Fund Management



Hypha Studios

Hypha Curates



Exhibiting Artists

[Farnoush Amini MRSS](#), [Tabatha Andrews MRSS](#), [Sally Barker MRSS](#), [Perla Krauze MRSS](#), [Ronn Beattie MRSS](#), [Mary Bourne FRSS](#), [Gillian Brent MRSS](#), [Julie Brook MRSS](#), [Owen Bullett MRSS](#), [Ros Burgin MRSS](#), [Alexandra Carr MRSS](#), [Ali Darke MRSS](#), [Kate Davis and David Moore MRSS](#), [Sally De Courcy MRSS](#), [Mandeep Dillon MRSS](#), [Ebru Dosekci MRSS](#), [Victoria Ferrand Scott MRSS](#), [Andrea Geile FRSS](#), [Peter Hanmer MRSS](#), [Steve Johnson FRSS](#), [Ben Joiner MRSS](#), [Caroline Lambard MRSS](#), [Julia Ellen Lancaster MRSS](#), [Olana Light MRSS](#), [Jenny Pope MRSS](#), [Gary Power MRSS](#), [Simon Raines MRSS](#), [Stefan Reiss MRSS](#), [Si Sapsford MRSS](#), [Susanne Schmidt-Nielsen MRSS](#), [Louise Frances Smith MRSS](#), [Jill Townsley MRSS](#), [Almuth Tebbenhoff PVPRSS](#), [Sarah Villeneuve MRSS](#) and [Susan York FRSS](#).

Events

‘The Birch Tree Family’ performance by Olana Light

Monday 12th October, 7pm

Olana Light will activate her installation ‘The Birch Tree Family’ with a live performance during the private view.

Panel Discussion

Thursday 15th October, 6.30pm- 8.30pm

Join exhibiting artists for an evening of conversation, debate and perspectives on contemporary sculpture.

LIMITED SPACE: BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Informal Artists’ Tour

Sunday 18th October, 3.00pm- 5.00pm

Join exhibiting artists for an informal tour exploring the works, ideas and materials within Assembly.

Felting Workshop with Farnoush Amini

Sunday 18th October, 6.30pm- 8.30pm

Join exhibiting artist, Farnoush Amini who will guide you through the satisfying process of felting and give you an insight into her process.

LIMITED SPACE: BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Collaging with 'waste' & biomaterials, with Louise Frances Smith

Friday 23rd October, 6.30pm- 8.00pm

Join exhibiting artists Louise Frances Smith in a workshop exploring biomaterials. You will learn some of the processes behind her time-based sculptures.

Sculpture as Energy: Artist tour with Tabatha Andrews

Saturday 24th October, 2.30pm- 3.30pm

Join exhibiting artists Tabatha Andrews for a personal tour of the exhibition.

Mould Making and Casting Demonstration with Sally de Courcy

Saturday 7th November, 6.30pm- 8.30pm

Join exhibiting artist, Sally de Courcy who will demonstrate how she develops her intricate sculptural compositions.

LIMITED SPACE: BOOKING ESSENTIAL

'What are You Looking at?'

Saturday 14th November, 2.00pm- 4.00pm

An exploration of the exhibition with the public led by artists Kate Davis and David Moore.

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For more information and updates, follow us on our social media [**@assembly_rss_exhibition**](#)

Notes to Editors

About the Royal Society of Sculptors

The Royal Society of Sculptors is one of the UK's leading artist-led organisations dedicated to championing sculpture in all its forms. Founded in 1905, the Society supports and promotes contemporary sculptural practice nationally and internationally.

About Breeze Creatives

Breeze Creatives is a contemporary visual arts organisation based in the North East, supporting artists and creative organisations through studio provision, exhibitions and cultural programming across Newcastle and Sunderland.

About Hypha Studios

Hypha Studios is a not-for-profit arts organisation that creates temporary cultural spaces and opportunities for artists, working with landlords, communities and partners to bring ambitious contemporary art into publicly accessible spaces. Through exhibitions, commissions and events, Hypha supports artists to develop new work while creating opportunities for audiences to engage with contemporary art in unexpected contexts.

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Image Information



Assembly Exhibition Poster

Susan York, 'Cu:C'

Image courtesy of the artist



Julie Brook, *Firestacks*.
Image courtesy of the artist



Olana Light, 'The Birch Tree Family'
Image courtesy of the artist



Peter Hanmer, 'Winner Takes All'
Image courtesy of the artist



Susanne Schmidt-Nielsen, 'in a thin house, a gaze blurred, breathing'
Image courtesy of the artist

Websites

www.breezecreatives.com

www.sculptors.org.uk

www.creativeculturetrustcio.co.uk/athenaeum