

CHRISTINE PARK GALLERY

WINTERREISE

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Private View & Reception

Thursday 22 January 2015, 6-9pm

35 Riding House Street, London W1W 7EA

Opening Hours: Tue-Sat, 11am-6pm & by appointment

For immediate release

Christine Park Gallery is pleased to present WINTERREISE, the gallery's first group exhibition featuring selected works by five British Artists.

Winterreise or "Winters' journey", a cycle of songs based on poems by Wilhelm Müller, was composed by Franz Schubert (1797-1828) shortly before his death. It is one of the most beautiful and devastatingly bleak pieces of music from this period. Originally devised to be performed to only a small intimate audience, it has resonated with and influenced the work of many later artists, and has been powerfully re-interpreted by a number of performers and artists such as Samuel Beckett who was famously obsessed with the piece.

The works selected for this exhibition involve the exploration of these journeys, be they literal or metaphorical – the earth's journey around the sun, lifecycles and phases, personal psychic journeys and the interplay of light, colour and images – while at times arguably subverting the melancholic premise of the title and its romantic associations through humour and subtlety. Ideas of temporality and stasis are further incorporated into the exhibited works through the various mediums and materials utilised by each artist.

Despite its overall melancholic premise a number of different emotional states are expressed throughout the song cycle; the traveler feels anticipation, joy and hope as well as despair along their journey. The exhibition WINTERREISE takes place at the beginning of the calendar year – the darkest time of year in Britain yet when seasonal shift and the promise of spring can be felt – echoing the emotional cycle of Schubert's song cycle.

About us

Christine Park Gallery exhibits works by established and emerging international contemporary artists. Located in the heart of London's Fitzrovia, the Gallery is dedicated to the discovery of new, locally emerging talents, whilst also exhibiting works from internationally acclaimed artists. The extensive programme of solo shows, conceptually curated group exhibitions and special installations of new art projects are intended to expand the boundaries of the current contemporary art scene. Aiming to build a fresh and dynamic platform for contemporary art, the Gallery encourages cross-cultural exchange with the audience, in addition to being a commercial space that artists can use as a canvas to realise their projects and present their new works to the public.

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