

Celebrating Women in Photography Today

CURATING WHISPERS

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I was in my teens when I realised the man living with my Uncle for many years was his lover. They shared a bed and hosted gatherings, typical of the 60's and 70's, fact was whispered, often lost amongst raised voices.

I salvaged evidence of their love to give it posthumous respect from his suitcase-full of treasured items- a couple hundred slides of visits to mediterranean 60's-tinted locations revealing two men wearing gold bands on their second finger left hand. Eyes, mouths, carefully placed hands and a leaning-in revealed intimacy amidst the hetero-holiday crowds they were part of, apart from.

They took the photographs- tentative representations of what they were to each other. I cropped and re-focused- an process led by a need to highlight their truth whilst respecting their privacy..

To me, my Uncle represents those who have gone before, to allow us to be who we are today.

BA Photographic Arts, Polytechnic of Central London. Did not pursue photography as a career due to the experience, instead working in the homeless sector and as a single mother.

- 2014- Brighton Photo Fringe Collectives Hub with Merge Collective "Brighton Wasted" about ocean plastic.
- 2015- Selected for the Tri-Pod photography project development workshops with Miranda Gavin and Wendy Pye.
- 2015- Beach topography- 8-piece project shown at the London Analogue Festival.
- 2016- Brighton Photo Fringe with Tri-Pod Collective.
- 2018- Selected to work with Work-Show-Grow with Natasha Caruana "Cold Cases" Brighton Photo Fringe, making "Totem" about the Brighton Bombing .
- 2018- "Salt" selected by Shutterhub, exhibiting in London, Amsterdam .
- 2019- Invited to include "Curating Whispers" as part of Form Collective in the Derby Photo Fringe, honouring my Uncle's invisible gay marriage in the 60's-70's. 2019- "Curating Whispers" featured in Loupe magazine Issue 9.

Instagram Takeovers- Open Doors Project, Women In Photo and Form Collective.

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