

Abundance

Abundance is a touring exhibition of artworks by the artists Chandrakant Patel (ActionSpace), Erin Keogh (Project Ability) and Kathy Wilmott (Venture Arts). This final showcase, here in London, is produced by ActionSpace in collaboration with V.O Curations and is curated by artist Louis Caseley.

The exhibition is the culmination of a three year collaborative project between ActionSpace, Project Ability and Venture Arts, celebrating the work of learning disabled artists.

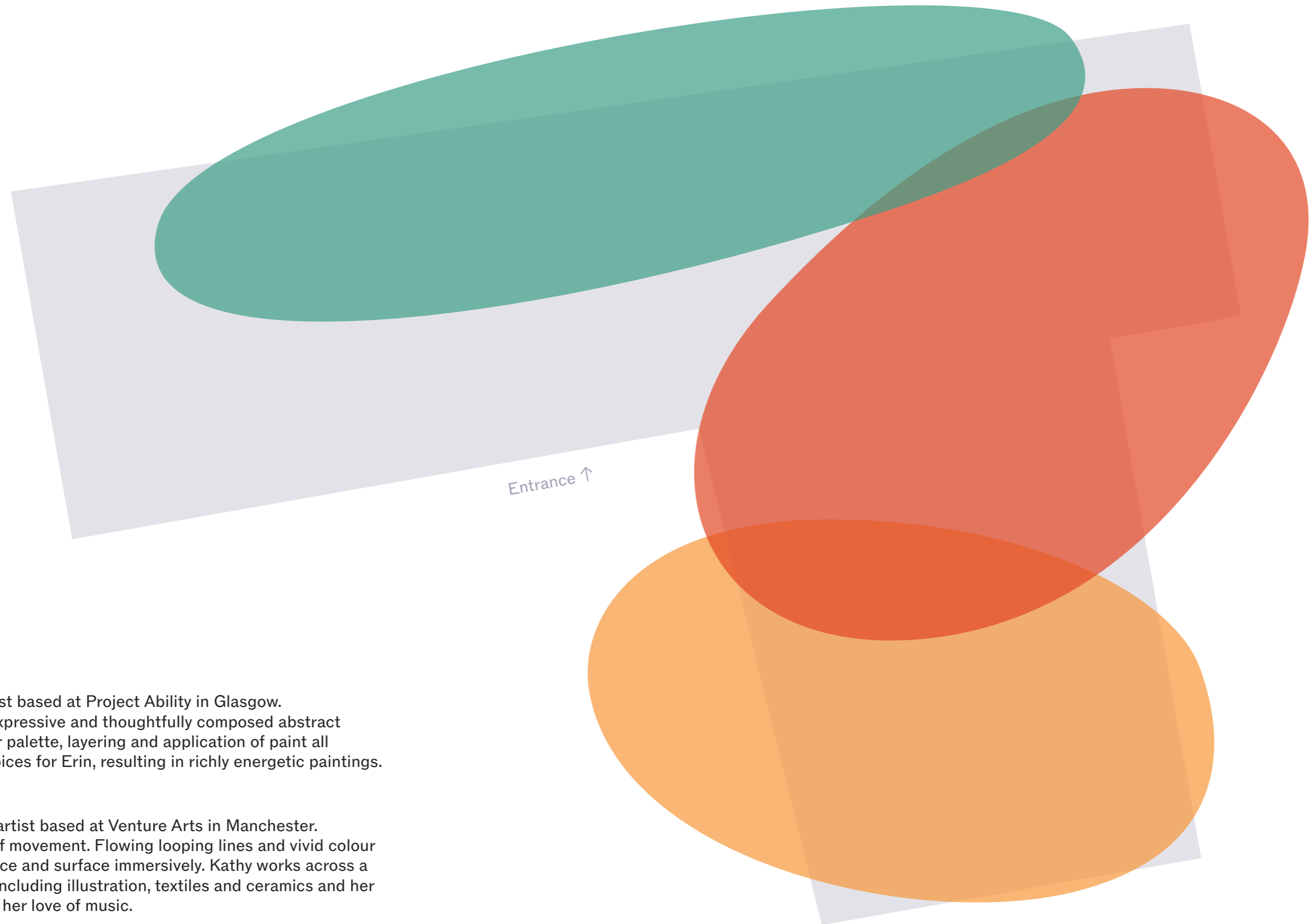
All three artists in Abundance have significant bodies of work and are being shown on a larger scale for the first time. The exhibition explores the relationship between the prolific making of the artists and their distinct abstract practices through an immersive experience.

An Introduction by the Curator, Louis Caseley

“Sonia Boué, the original selector of the three artists in this exhibition, said that she ‘imagined audiences would delight in a sensory feast, and these works are vitamins for the eyes.’ The artwork of Erin Keogh, Katherine Wilmott and Chandrakant Patel all have an abundant and ‘immersive’ quality.

I want to amplify the energy of the artworks in this compact gallery space. I’ve sought to bring a sensory immersion inspired by the way Chandrakant displays his work, and the prolific making of all three artists. The works fill the walls of the main space. Chandrakant tapes his artwork to the wall in new configurations each time they are shown. I’ve aimed to reflect this in the presentation of Kathy’s sculptures on a tabletop dotted around the surface - they are almost in a state of flux, ready to be moved around or go on to some other purpose.”

Exhibition Map



● Erin Keogh

Erin Keogh is an artist based at Project Ability in Glasgow. Erin creates large, expressive and thoughtfully composed abstract paintings. The colour palette, layering and application of paint all become physical choices for Erin, resulting in richly energetic paintings.

● Kathy Wilmott

Kathy Wilmott is an artist based at Venture Arts in Manchester. Kathy's work is full of movement. Flowing looping lines and vivid colour combinations fill space and surface immersively. Kathy works across a variety of mediums, including illustration, textiles and ceramics and her practice draws upon her love of music.

● Chandrakant Patel

Chandrakant Patel is an artist based at ActionSpace in London. His exquisite and culturally layered practice combines painting and drawing, which are then used to create multiple wall collages. His drawing technique combines crisp free flowing lines and delicate short marks, echoing the patterns of Hindu mandalas. Chandrakant's painting is often large-scale and once a series is created, he will develop and install varied layouts to explore connections between each piece.

Audio by Sally Hirst

Exhibition audio descriptions written and recorded by Sally Hirst. For Abundance, Sally has taken time to engage with each piece on display and produced poetic audio descriptions for the exhibition. Sally is a studio artist at Venture Arts.

Abundance is part of the Explorers Project, a creative programme and framework for increasing the visibility and representation of neurodivergent artists in contemporary visual art.

ActionSpace

ActionSpace is a leading visual arts organisation supporting learning disabled artists across London. They seek out and unlock talent, and create bespoke opportunities for learning disabled artists to realise their potential. ActionSpace has a unique reputation for providing long-term supported studio practice and delivering high-quality professional artistic development through mentoring, exhibitions and a network of partnerships with renowned cultural organisations.

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Project Ability

Project Ability creates opportunities through inclusive art for all. Since 1984, they've been supporting, celebrating and platforming diversity within the contemporary visual arts sector. Based in Glasgow in the award winning Trongate 103, they provide a welcoming arts community for people with learning disabilities and lived experience of mental ill-health.

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Venture Arts

Based in Manchester, Venture Arts is an award-winning visual arts organisation working with learning disabled artists. Through their studio programmes, exhibitions and collaborative projects, they remove barriers to the arts. They put artists in the lead; they champion neurodiversity and provide pathways for every individual to develop their creative identity.

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Louis Caseley

Louis Caseley is a curator and artist based in London. Louis is participation lead with the art and mental health charity, Hospital Rooms. In that role, he worked with ActionSpace artist Linda Bell in 2021 to develop her commission for Springfield Hospital in Tooting. Louis is an assisting facilitator with ActionSpace's South London studio.

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