



WE ARE HERE

UK Black Female Photographers Community

Featured Artists: Carla Thomas, Dami Fawehinmi, Denise Maxwell, Dominique Nok, Gifty Dzenyo, Naomi Williams, RUBY LDN and Zacchia Moore.

Curator: Dominique Nok · Exhibition Coordinator: Denise Maxwell · Artist Liaison: RUBY LDN

We are pleased to present UKBFTOG's micro exhibition **We Are Here**, a public group exhibition of various genres of photography from the UKBFTOG Community (UK Black Female Photographers).

Photographer, founder and director of UKBFTOG, Jemella Binns, only knew four other Black female photographers in the UK before she founded the vibrant UKBFTOG community in December 2017. Binns recognised male domination in the photography industry left little room for the representation of Black female photographers and their professional development. Therefore, she was passionate to establish a safe space for Black UK based female photographers to connect socially, and for entrepreneurial and educational purposes.

The exhibition, which was first displayed in 2020 in Walsall, originally showcased the photographic artworks of 22 UKBFTOG photographers. As a collective they produced a diverse collection which depicted a wide narrative of life through the lens of Black UK female photographers.

The artworks of the micro exhibitions' 8 emerging and experienced, cross-culture UKBFTOG exhibitors, present one common thread: a colourful celebration of life. This celebration is translated in various ways: through aesthetic, thought-provoking portraits, the empowerment through protest and the apparent admiration of nature. With this collection of photographic artworks UKBFTOG aspires to create a connection between the viewer and their photography community and to communicate human emotions through engaging imagery.



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