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## Mirror, Mirror



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Co-curated by Soheila Sokhanvari

Jonny Briggs, Stephen Chambers RA, Eileen Cooper RA, Rachel Garfield, Bertram Hasenauer, Tim Head, Jon Kipps, Jamie Luoto, Sarah Maple, Robert McNally, Ciprian Muresan, Evie O'Connor, Michael Petry, Soheila Sokhanvari, Jelena Telecki

Mirror Mirror, a group show curated by Soheila Sokhanvari and Kristin Hjellegjerde and Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Tower Bridge, brings together fifteen artists whose work explores the rich and varied symbolism of mirrors. The exhibition examines how reflection can be used to evoke ideas around narcissism, truth, trauma and identity, featuring painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media and conceptual conceptual work.

With this exhibition, we were interested in exploring how contemporary artists are bringing their own symbolism to an ancient theme, says Sohelia Sokhanvari, whose interest in mirrors takes root in her cultural identity. She recalls visiting the Shah Cheragh mosque in Shiraz, Iran, where she grew up and being mesmerised by the geometric-patterned mirrors that decorated the walls. At the same time, her childhood home was covered in mirrors by her father, who was also an artist. In Sokhanvari's miniature paintings, mirrors create instances of doubling to reveal hidden truths and to bend the viewer's perspective. Her sculptural works meanwhile use physical mirrors to not only evoke the language of Islamic architecture and devotional objects but also to invite the viewer into the work.

Duration 26 April 2024 - 25 May 2024 Times Monday to Sunday 11.00-18.00

Cost Free

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