

Congratulations To Arika In Being Awarded Tate Britain Turner Prize 2020 - 2.7.2020

Today Umbrella Lane would like to congratulate Arika, who have just been announced as one of ten recipients of the Tate Britain Turner Bursaries 2020!! In accepting the prize, Arika described;

“This Turner Bursary recognises Arika’s work as a whole, and in particular Episode 10: A Means Without End. Episodes are festivals of performance, dance, music and film; discussion, debate and spaces of learning together. They investigate interlinked social themes and contradictions, which develop from one Episode to the next. Episode 10 emerged from the Institute of Physical Sociality, an open, collective study group exploring ideas in maths and physics as analogies for the desires and struggles of social life and existence, and as poetic indicators of the ethical impossibility of continuing with the dominant ways society understands existence.”

In true Arika style of collaboration, amplifying voices from the margins and creating space for invisibilised struggles of resistance, they have announced they will distribute the £10,000 bursary awarded as part of the Turner Prize to radical grassroots community groups with whom they have long standing relationships and collaborations. Umbrella Lane is so grateful to be included alongside Ubuntu Women Shelter; migrant-led groups The Unity Centre, LGBT Unity & Unity Sisters; and sex worker-led organisations SCOT-PEP & SWARM (Sex Workers Advocacy and Resistance Movement)

Since being established in 2001, Arika have challenged political structures and processes through various political arts ‘Episodes’ that have been hosted in collaboration and solidarity with movements that seek to abolish ableism, borders, colonialism, homophobia, prisons, racism, transphobia, sexism and white supremacy, and transform society to be based on co-operation, sharing of power and mutual aid. Umbrella Lane have collaborated with Arika on various Episodes often behind the scenes to inform projects that authentically seek to connect, amplify and support our struggles to be heard and our lived experience to be valued.

With huge thanks to the team at Arika who show the importance of collaboration and exude exemplary allyship to Umbrella Lane and other projects whose important work Arika are highlighting with acceptance of this award. Particular thanks to Barry Esson, Bryony McIntyre, Cloudberry MacLean, Agnieszka Habraschka, Joanna Helfer, Emma MacLeod & Alex Flemming, who since working with on the “Sex Workers’ Festival of Resistance” in 2017, have become friends, supporters and unwavering allies to us. Thank you Arika.

Read the Arika acceptance post here -->

<https://arika.org.uk/news/turner-bursary?fbclid=IwAR2IIOYkNM0ejPjwvQ0BKY0nLrDsTEPvhTi5Hy-wH1QTgM00nksAa51BtBo>