# FROM FLOOR TO SKY

**British Sculpture and the Studio Experience** 

A major exhibition curated by Peter Kardia bringing together early and recent work by some of the most significant British artists of our time in the vast subterranean gallery of Ambika P3 in London.

### Private View: 4 March 2010 18.30 - 20.30

5 March – 4 April 2010 Exhibition open Wednesday to Sunday from 10.00 to 18.00

Ambika P3, University of Westminster, 35 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5LS. Nearest tube: Baker Street +44 (0)20 7911 5876

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Peter Kardia is widely recognised for his work as a radical and pioneering teacher at both St Martin's School of Art and the Royal College of Art during the 1960's and 1970's. All 28 artists in this exhibition are former students and each has contributed work for this show in celebration of Peter Kardia's teaching career.

Each artist is contributing two pieces of work, one from the earliest period of their career and one contemporary piece. The show, which includes sculpture, painting, film and performance, bridging up to 30 years, will provide a crucial assessment of contemporary British art and give a unique insight into the development of each artist's work.





















Alison Wilding, Bill Woodrow Boyd Webb, Brian Catling Carl Plackman, Carolyne Kardia Frances Earnshaw, Gillian Cook Guy Martin, Hamish Fulton Ian Kirkwood, Ismail Saray Jean Matthee, John Hilliard John Panting, Katharine Meynell Keith Brown, Martin Ive Nigel Slight, Nina Danino Paul Etienne Lincoln, Peter Venn Richard Deacon, Richard Long Richard Wentworth, Roderick Coyne Roger Ackling, Terry New

### **EVENTS:**

Peter Kardia 'From Floor to Sky'

Education and Research Practice in the Visual Arts Wednesday 10 March 2010, 18.30–20.00

Peter Kardia was a radical and controversial teacher at both St Martin's and the Royal College of Art during the 1960s and 1970s. Featuring artists and art educators, this discussion will examine contemporary art pedagogy and consider the continued impact of Kardia's revolutionary innovations.

Presented in partnership with the 'From Floor to Sky' exhibition at Ambika P3, University of Westminster.

Speakers: Richard Deacon, Peter Kardia, Malcolm Le Grice, Jean Matthee and Richard Wentworth.

Tickets available from Tate Ticketing: 020 7887 8888

## **Central Saint Martins**

Friday 26 and Saturday 27 March 2010.

A forum will be held at Central Saint Martins' Charing Cross Road site featuring Peter Kardia, Garth Evans and Gareth Jones, surviving members of the four-man sculpture tutors' group (Peter Harvey, since deceased), who created the "Locked Room Course" in this building in 1969. Sharing a public platform for the first time in 40 years, Kardia, Evans and Jones' meeting will mark a historic opportunity to assess the "Locked Room Course" and its legacy.

Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design, 107-109 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H ODU. Info: 020 7514 7201

### BOOK:

To mark the exhibition, A&C Black is publishing **From** Floor to Sky: The Experience of the Art School Studio with text by Hester Westley, Malcolm Le Grice and Peter Kardia (March 2010, 192pp, fully illustrated, £35.00).

1. St Martin's basement studio, log project, 1973. John Burke, Carolyne Kardia and Peter Harvey (staff member). Photo: courtesy of Carolyne Kardia 2. Locked Room sculpture studio with course regulations, 1969. Photo

courtesy of Tony Hill 3. Lightwell, Central Saint Martins Charing Cross Road site, Photo: courtesy of

Roderick Coyne, 2009