

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FABRICATIONS (Gallery & Outlet)**

Fabrications opened in June 2000 in a refurbished derelict shop on Broadway Market in Hackney, East London. Its founder Barley Massey, who trained at Goldsmith's College in Textiles felt the empty shop would not only make a good studio space for her own practise, but also an excellent showcase area for other contemporary designer makers. Since opening its doors Fabrications has hosted a wide selection of solo and themed group shows, selling events and takes part in the annual mapped open studios event Hidden Art and 100% Guaranteed – pick of the fringe, to run along side 100% Design. Fabrications is dedicated to all aspects of contemporary textiles and design by established and up and coming designers and artists.

To date Fabrications has shown and sold work by Annie Sherburne, Barley Massey, Buttress & Snatch, Creatively Recycled Empire, Dam Design, Emma Jeffs, Eric Holah, Flour, Hannah Greenaway, Helen Rawlinson, I-Saw, Isabel Dodd, Jasper Startup, Kate Storer, Kirstin James, Laura Kingswood, Linda Kirkbride, Lizzy Lee, Lucy Brown, M-e-s-h, Ming Eco Interiors, Suck UK amongst others!

Themed group shows have included 'Court of Love' (now an annual event!) valentine's show, 'Recycled by Design' work by 15 textile artists and designers who use recycled materials and 'Praise Latex' which attempted to stretch perceptions of this common material! This included Fabrications first international participant! Janet Bloor from New York (100% Rubber – Dalsouple, fashion & textiles winner 2000)

In 2001 Fabrications was truly on Broadway when it held an auction of handmade film costumes and props by the independent film company Sands Films to raise money for its film 'The children's midsummer nights dream'. Lots included Fiona Shaw's parrot dress from Gormenghast (BBC), Brad Pitt's boots from 7 years in Tibet and Johnny Depp's shirt from Sleepy Hollow! A window display of costumes and props from the film ran in conjunction with a larger exhibition of costumes and scenery at The Bethnal Green Museum of childhood.

Fabrications has been mentioned by Time Out, Homes & Gardens and Embroidery Magazine as somewhere worth a visit!

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Opening times: Tuesday to Saturday, 12 noon – 5pm or by appointment.