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THE PHOTOGRAPHERS' GALJERY

*Meditations on Love*14 June - 22 September 2024

The longer I live, the more deeply I learn that love - whether we call it friendship or family or romance - is the work of mirroring and magnifying each other's light." James Baldwin, Nothing Personal

Consider how love is represented, preserved and remembered through an archive of photobooks, novels and non-fiction works in *Meditations on Love*.

This special reading room is curated by Develop, a collective of six young people who have been commissioned to curate the show by The Photographers' Gallery.



BW/two girls kissing image: Juggling is Easy @ Peggy Nolan

Designed as a welcoming reading room, everyone is invited to explore the plethora of books and reflect on the common thread that runs through stories of resilience, community, friendship, subversion, identity and queerness.

Presenting the many languages of love through a global lens, photobooks from Tami Aftab, Ollie Adegboye, Deana Lawson, Ewen Spencer, and many others explore love's complex and varying iterations: tender, provocative, queer, defiant and sacrificial.

Together, this series of eclectic narratives attempts to articulate love's capacity to endure amidst adversity, and its revolutionary power to resist.

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Notes for Editors

The Photographers' Gallery

The Photographers' Gallery explores how photography is connecting, captivating and radically changing our world today. The Gallery's programme and spaces – from exhibitions, events and digital platforms, to the galleries, shop and café – all explore the beauty, complexity and future of photography. Right outside the Gallery, the very best of contemporary photography is shown for free, day and night, in Soho

Photography Quarter.

Develop at The Photographers' Gallery

Develop is a three-year programme (2023-2026) that supports and commissions emerging creatives aged 18-24 through a series of talks and workshops around a photography-based outcome each year.

The 2024 Develop collective are:

Tolu Elusadé Charlie Bird Madeleine Woodhous Kymara Akinpelumi Taja Lewis Boodie Kairo Urovi The Develop programme is supported by Kusuma Trust and individual contributors.

Visitor information - The Photographers' Gallery

Mon – Weds 10am – 6pm Thurs & Fri 10am – 8pm (Friday free from 5pm) Sat 10am – 6pm Sun 11am – 6pm

Tickets - your ticket covers entry to all exhibitions on the day of your visit £8 / £5 concessions (members go free) Advance online booking: £6.50 / £4 concessions

Also on show at The Photographers' Gallery from 14 June - 22 September 2024: <u>Ernest Cole: House of Bondage</u> and <u>Graciela Iturbide: Shadowlines</u>

In Soho Photography Quarter, $\underline{\it Sian\, Davey: The\, Garden}$ is on show until November 2024, free.

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