

Siân Davey: The Garden Soho Photography Quarter 29 November 2023 – 29 November 2024

'Everyone has a place in our garden. I am the garden. Those who enter are the garden. Without distinction, without separation' - **Siân Davey**

The Garden by Siân Davey is now open in a free outdoor exhibition in [Soho Photography Quarter](#), just outside The Photographers' Gallery.

Starting in 2020, British photographer Siân Davey transformed her abandoned garden over three summers into a vibrant space, filled with wildflowers, birdsong and people.

Together with her son, Luke, Davey cultivated a space rooted in love. They researched native flowers and encouraged biodiversity, sourcing seeds and plants locally.

When the flowers bloomed, they called in the community. Everyone had a place in *The Garden*; the mothers and daughters, the lonely, the marginalised, lovers, the traumatised and heartbroken and those that had concealed a lifetime of shame. They became enfolded into the story of the garden, creating and partaking in the story equally.

As the garden evolved it became an expression of joy, interconnectedness, yearning, sexuality, and defiance. The garden became a metaphor for the human heart itself.

Alongside the large-scale artworks, visitors can listen to *The Garden* soundscape (2023, by Siân Davey) and watch the film (2023, by Dylan Friese-Greene and Siân Davey), which plays every day from dusk.

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Notes for Editors

Siân Davey

Siân Davey (b. 1964, Brighton) worked as a psychotherapist for 15 years before launching her career in photography in 2014. She draws on her experience in psychotherapy and as a mother to inform her practice. Her work is in a range of national and international collections including the Victoria and Albert Museum, and The French National Collection, Paris. She lives and works in Dartington, Devon

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 cafe – 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.

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Visitor information for Soho Photography Quarter

The Garden by Siân Davey is on show outdoors in Soho Photography Quarter for free, 24 hours a day, from 29 November 2023 to 29 November 2024.

Visitor information for The Photographers' Gallery

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

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