

Curriculum Vitae

Freddie Robins (b.1965) lives and works in Essex and London. Currently Professor of Textiles at the Royal College of Art in London she works to commission and exhibits nationally and internationally.

Selected Exhibitions

- 2025** *Apotropaic*, Douglas F. Cooley Memorial Art Gallery, Reed College, Portland, USA.
MEDUSA, Union Gallery, London.
Any, Body, Home, Warrington Museum & Art Gallery, Cheshire.
The Anglian Embassy European Tour with the Blackwater Polytechnic - Supermarket Art Fair, Stockholm, Sweden, *Juxtapose Art Fair*, Aarhus, Denmark, *Sluice Expo 2025*, Seyðisfjörður, The Grange, Great Cressingham, Norfolk and The Art Station, Saxmundham, Suffolk.
- 2024** *Hoard* with the Blackwater Polytechnic, Bankley Studios Gallery, Manchester.
The Amber Room: Sticking up for Soft, Cedric Bardawil, London.
Colour made Manifest, Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park, London.
Thread Count, The Art Station, Saxmundham, Suffolk.
5&20, 99 Bishopsgate, London.
Sluice [Vernacular] Colchester Expo 2024 with the Blackwater Polytechnic, the Minories, Colchester.
- 2023** *If Not Now, When? Generations of Women in Sculpture in Britain, 1960 – 2022*, The Hepworth Wakefield touring to the Saatchi Gallery, London.
History in the Making: stories of materials and makers, 2000 BC – Now, Compton Verney, Warwickshire.
I put a Spell on You – New Magic and Mysticism, Art Exchange, University of Essex, Colchester.
Essex Artists Past and Present, Hayletts Gallery at the Minories, Colchester.
...proliferating materialities..., Gallery Season (SZN), London.
- 2022** *Creature Comforts*, JGM Gallery, London
SCP with Carl Clerkin's *Beasley Brothers Repair Shop*, London.
Material Matters with Carl Clerkin's *Beasley Brothers Repair Shop*, Bargehouse, Oxo Tower Wharf, London.
Eternally Yours – Care, Repair and Healing with Carl Clerkin's *Beasley Brothers Repair Shop*, Somerset House, London.
Amazing Women, The Show Windows: Reflections project, City Arcade, Coventry.
We are Commoners: Creative Acts of Commoning, a Craftspace national touring exhibition, The Civic, Barnsley, Hub: a national centre for craft and design, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, The Gallery, Hull Central Library and *We are the Minories*, Colchester.
- 2021** *Maker's Eye: Stories of Craft*, Crafts Council Gallery, London.
Art at Home through Kath & Company, Twickenham, London.
Juxtapose Art Fair with the Blackwater Polytechnic, M100 Exhibition Centre for Contemporary Art (Odense), Aarhus, Denmark.
We are Commoners, a Craftspace national touring exhibition, Oriel Davies Gallery, Newtown, Wales, Leicester Gallery, De Montfort University, Leicester and Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Bovey Tracey, Devon.
- 2020** *Kette und Schuss*, CC binder, Puurs, Belgium.
New Doggerland, Thames-Side Studios Gallery, London.

- 2019** *Between Us: Biennial Conversations and Exchanges*, Ex Marks the Spot, Great Yarmouth & University of Suffolk, Ipswich.
Resistant Materials III, Blackwater Polytechnic, Feering, Essex.
Sleepy Heads, Blyth Gallery, Imperial College, London.
Material: Textile, Messums Wiltshire.
- 2018** *Sluice Exchange Berlin* with the Blackwater Polytechnic, Das Kühlhaus Berlin, Germany.
Resistant Materials with the Blackwater Polytechnic, M100 Exhibition Centre for Contemporary Art, Odense, Denmark.
- 2017** *StrangeLands*, Collyer Bristow Gallery, London.
Uncertain things, The Sentinel Gallery, Wivenhoe, Essex.
A Table of Elements, Greystone Industries, Wickham Market, Suffolk.
Between things, Minorities Art Gallery, Colchester.
Showtime, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London.
What do I need to do to make it OK? The National Centre for Craft & Design, Sleaford, Lincolnshire and Rugby Art Gallery & Museum.
- 2016** *Liberties*, The Exchange, Penzance, Cornwall.
Flat-out Lowlanders, Blackwater Polytechnic, Feering, Essex.
Big Steam Print, Museum of Art + Craft, Ditchling and Phoenix Gallery, Brighton.
What do I need to do to make it OK? Crafts Study Centre, Farnham, Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Bovey Tracey, Devon, R-Space Gallery, Lisburn, Northern Ireland and Forty Hall, Enfield.
Some rocks and a hard place, The Sentinel Gallery, Wivenhoe, Essex.
OTHER exhibition, Courtyard Gallery, Royal College of Art, London.
COUNTER_FITTERS, Geddes Gallery, London.
- 2015** *Sluice_2015* with the Essex Embassy from the Blackwater Polytechnic, Bargehouse, Oxo Tower Wharf, London.
What do I need to do to make it OK? Pump House Gallery, London.
Liberties, Collyer Bristow Gallery, London. Curated by Day + Gluckman,
Brocki, Blackwater Polytechnic, Feering, Essex.
Yan Tan Tethera, Walford Mill, Dorset. Curated by David Littler.
Sex Shop, Transition Gallery, London. Curated by Sarah Gillham, Jack Stokoe and Darren Nairn.
- 2014** *Sluice Exchange Rates: The Bushwick Expo*, Theodore:Art, Brooklyn, New York, USA.
Yan Tan Tethera, Cecil Sharp House, Camden, London.
Sex Shop, Folkestone Fringe 2014, Kent.
The Essex Secession, Blackwater Polytechnic, Feering, Essex.
Freddie Robins, Artifex gallery, Vilnius Academy of Arts, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2013** *Sluice_ 2013* with the Essex Embassy from the Blackwater Polytechnic, London.
Happy Days, Blackwater Polytechnic, Feering, Essex.
COLLECT, Project Space, Saatchi Gallery, London.
A celebration of works by Martha Fiennes, Freddie Robins and Alice Cicolini, Spring Studios, London. Curated by Andrée Cooke.
- 2012** *Transformations*, Smiths Row, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
Transformers, National Centre for Craft and Design, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.
40:40 – forty objects for forty years, Crafts Council online exhibition
<http://www.4040.org.uk>
WOW, The Gallery@rheged, Penrith, Cumbria

- 2011** *Entlang des Fadens (Along the Thread)*, Kunst Archiv Darmstadt, Germany.
Bite-Size: miniature textiles from Japan and the UK, curated by Lesley Millar, Daiwa Anglo Japanese Foundation, London, Gallery Gallery, Kyoto, and Nagoya University of the Arts and Sciences, Japan.
Contemporary Craft, HERE & NOW, Cheongju International Craft Biennale 2011, Korea.
Fifties, Fashion and Emerging Feminism [a contemporary response], Collyer Bristow Gallery, London. Curated by Day + Gluckman.
7th International Triennial of Contemporary Textile Arts, Tournai, Belgium.
Art & Fashion. Between Skin and Clothing, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany.
A new Hook. Re-thinking needlework, Museum Bellerive, Zurich, Switzerland.
Home, Core Gallery, London.
Smile, Ruthin Craft Centre, Denbighshire, Wales and touring.
- 2010** *The Art of Fashion: Installing Illusions*, Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
Extraordinary Measures, curated by Judith King, Belsay Hall, Northumberland.
The Endless Garment, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne, Australia.
Draw: Turning Thoughts into Line, Royal College of Art, London.
- 2009** *Dritto Rovescio*, La Triennale di Milano, Milan, Italy.
Dress Codes: Clothing as Metaphor, Katonah Museum of Art, New York, USA.
Making and Mending, Smiths Row, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
Concerning Matter, curated by Day + Gluckman, Collyer Bristow Gallery, London.
Think Tank takes on Skill, Contemporary Applied Arts, London and touring Europe.
The Peckham Experiment, curated by Space Station sixty-five, Camberwell Space, Camberwell Art College, London.
- 2008** *Cloth & Culture Now*, Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich and Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester.
Deviants, Crafts Council Collection Touring Exhibition, the Hub, Sleaford, Lincolnshire and touring.
Bottom Drawers, curated by Carl Clerkin, PM Gallery & House, London.
Strikkknikk, Bomuldsfabriken Kunsthall, Arendal, Norway.
- 2007** *Radical Lace & Subversive Knitting*, Museum of Arts & Design, New York and touring USA.
Crimes of Omission, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, USA.
Body, Nobody, Somebody, KODE – kunstmuseene i Bergen, Norway (solo).
The Perfect, Contemporary Applied Arts, London (solo).
Anytown; artists' responses to the urban environment, Mascalls Gallery, Paddock Wood, Kent.
Wintry, curated by Monika Bobinska, Lounge Gallery, London.
- 2006** *Johnny Foreigner*, Kunstforum Rheinessen, Essenheimer Kunstverein, Germany.
- 2005** *Ceremony*, curated by Freddie Robins + Sandra Ross, Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park, London.
Reveal, Castle Museum, Nottingham.
Knit 2 Together: Concepts in Knitting, curated by Freddie Robins + Katy Bevan, Crafts Council Gallery, London and touring.
Abstracted Garments, Contemporary Applied Arts, London.
- 2004** *Flexible 4: Identities*, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester and touring internationally.
Cosy, Queen's Hall, Hexham (solo).
Them Indoors, Geffrye Museum, London.
Tell Tale, Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead.
- 2003** *Cosy*, The Pier Arts Centre, Orkney, Scotland (solo).
What is Craft?, the Hub, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

- 2002** *Cosy*, firstsite at the Minorities Art Gallery, Colchester (solo).
Metamorphing, curated by Marina Warner + Sarah Bakewell, Wellcome Trust Gallery, The Science Museum, London.
Shelf Life, Spike Island, Bristol and Bluecoat Gallery, Liverpool.
Jerwood Applied Arts Prize 2002: Textiles, Crafts Council Gallery, London and touring.
- 2001** *Shelf Life*, curated by smith + fowle, Gasworks Gallery, London and Spike Island, Bristol.
Free Radicals, Konstfack, Stockholm, Sweden and touring.
A Public Auction of Private Art Works, Kimbolton Castle, Cambridgeshire.
Adorn, Equip, The City Gallery, Leicester and touring UK.
Ikons of Identity, a Craftspace Touring Exhibition.
- 2000** *Out of the Closet*, Sotheby's, London, curated by Janice Blackburn.
Memories, Contemporary Applied Arts, London.
Freddie Robins, firstsite at the Minorities Art Gallery, Colchester (solo).
Give and Take, a selection of craft presented to museums by the Contemporary Art Society, The Economist Building, London.
- 1999** *Un-Limited*, Crafts Council Gallery, London.
Contemporary Decorative Arts, Sotheby's, London.
- 1998** *12th International Miniature Textile Biennial Exhibition*, Szombathely Art Gallery, Hungary.
- 1996** *Art Textiles*, Bury St. Edmunds Art Gallery and touring.

Work in Collections

Government Art Collection, London; Victoria and Albert Museum, London; Crafts Council, London; Castle Museum, Nottingham; Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museums; KODE – kunstmuseene i Bergen, Norway; Spring Studios, London; Szombathely Art Gallery, Hungary.
 Private collections in UK, Turkey, USA and Australia.

Selected Commissions

- 1999** Commissioned by inIVA (Institute of International Visual Art) to create a multimedia work for X-Space, their experimental web space <http://www.iniva.org/xspaceprojects/robins>
- 1998** Public Art Commission, *Hands of Hoxton*, by the London Borough of Hackney for Shoreditch Library, London.

Residencies

- 2004** Galerie sphn, Berlin, Germany.
- 2003** Britto International Artists' Workshop, Tepantor Film City, Bangladesh – a Triangle Arts Workshop.

Awards and Scholarships

- 2025** Stephen E. Ostrow Distinguished Visitor in the Visual Arts, Douglas F. Cooley Memorial Art Gallery, Reed College, Portland, USA.
Brenda M. King Prize for Critical Writing in Textiles, The Textile Society.
- 2021** a-n Artists Bursaries 2021: Time Space Money.
- 2013** Grants for the Arts Award, Arts Council England/National Lottery.
- 2012** Shortlisted for *Women to Watch 2012*, National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, USA.
- 2006** AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council), Small Grant for the Creative and Performing Arts.
Research Development Award, Royal College of Art.
- 2003** Travel Award to Bangladesh, British Council.
Visual Arts Research Award, Goldsmiths College.
- 2002** Shortlisted for the *Jerwood Applied Arts Prize 2002: Textiles*.
- 2001** London Arts Award.
- 1998** Crafts Council Setting Up Award.

Curation

- 2024** *Thread Count*, The Art Station & The Old Bank, Saxmundham and The Old Theatre, Framlingham, Suffolk (co-curated with Emily Cannell and Clare Palmier)
- 2010** Selection and curation of *Jerwood Contemporary Makers 2010* with Hans Stofer (Chair) and Richard Slee.
- 2006** *Partial View*, selection and curation of BANA (Bath Area Network for Artists) members' work, Widcome Studios Gallery, Bath.
- 2005** *Ceremony*, Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park, London (co-curated with Sandra Ross).
Knit 2 Together: Concepts in Knitting, Crafts Council Gallery, London (co-curated with Katy Bevan).

Education

- 2013-2015** Postgraduate Certificate in Education for Art, Design and Communication, University of the Arts London (UAL).
- 2005-2006** Supervising research degrees for professionals in art, design and communication, CLTAD, UAL.
- 1987-1989** MA(RCA), Textiles, Royal College of Art, London.
- 1984-1987** BA(Hons) 1st Class, Constructed Textiles, Middlesex Polytechnic, London.