

So it goes

David Stearn

Opening Wednesday 26th July 2023
6-10pm

27th July – 20th Aug 2023
Open by appointment

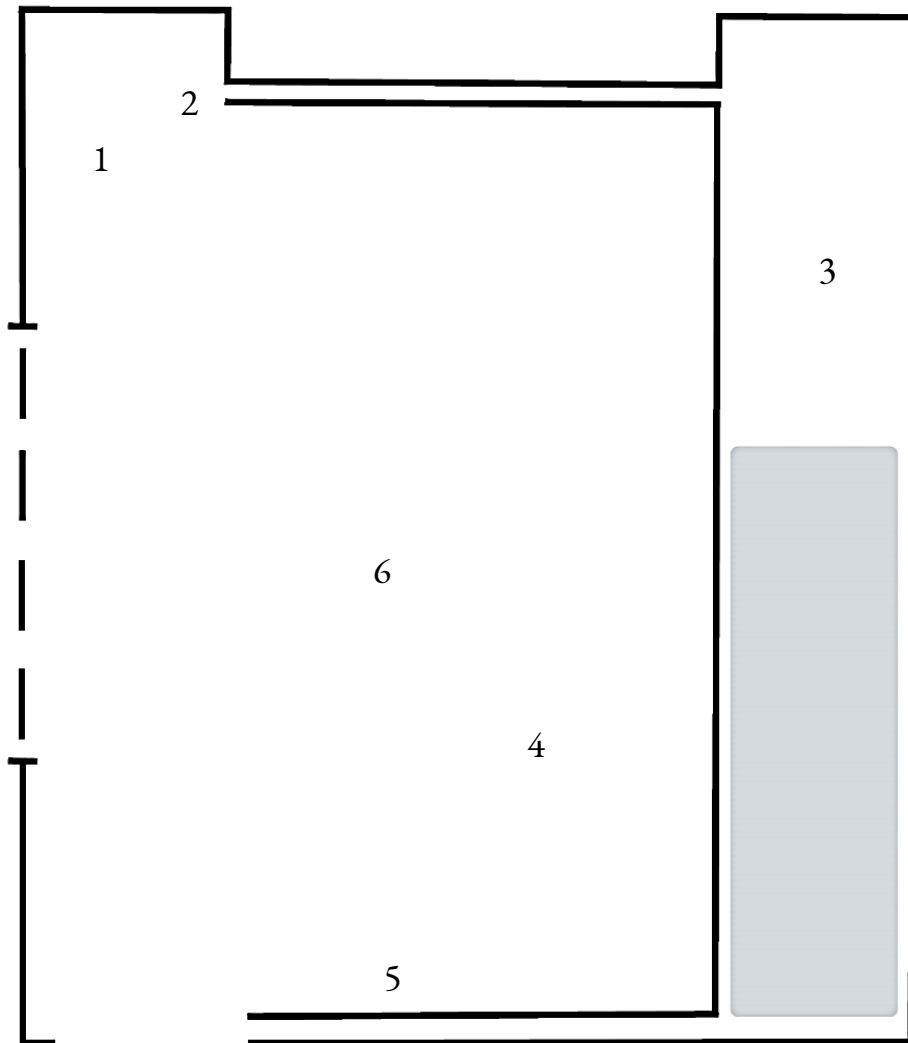
Piccalilli are pleased to present 'So it goes', a solo exhibition by London based artist David Stearn, who works across mediums of sculpture, film and performance.

Typically comprising of found and everyday domestic objects, his works are comedic lead studies in the interaction between differing materials (elements) that often do not belong together. Almost appearing accidental, a throwing together of objects and moments that sit together comfortably, blissfully ignorant of their own cognitive dissonance.

There is something of the trickster in this work, a puckish magic that seems intent on turning the world upside-down piece by piece, only glimpsed from the side, in a subtle takeover. This can also be seen in the artist's absence as a guide, present more as a series of fleeting gestures that emerge briefly from the periphery, a nudge here, a whisper there, suggestions at the tipping point of experience when all is on the brink of tumbling down.

It could be called theatre of the absurd, but these moments and configurations somehow sit outside of that definition and seem to be made of some sense, shrugging its suggestion off as an almost accidental consequence of their stoic chaos. As such, these works present a form of re-engineering or rethinking the typical values of making, disregarding set style or outcome and allowing chance and failure to take over the creative process. Through this method, the works are both consistently inconsistent and inconsistently consistent.

Stearn, usually acting as instigator and sole witness to these experiments, 'So it goes' invites the audience to move between the predicted and see the unforeseen both visually and physically, being directed on how to look, themselves becoming a subject within a test bed. Piccalilli is utilised as a ground for movement, between viewer, video and sculptural works which cooperate within the architecture of the space.



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| <p>1. <i>TFF</i>
found chairs stacked, spinning base
2023</p> <p>2. <i>Life without bread, is the same as life with bread, just without it</i>
Resin, spray paint
2023</p> <p>3. <i>Serving Suggestion</i>
14 single channel videos
2023</p> | <p>4. <i>Didn't go down Argos for this one</i>
neon, acrylic components, wire grill, book (normal and icing)
2023</p> <p>5. <i>Hi thereereht iH</i>
single channel video
2023</p> <p>6. <i>Side lights</i>
Cardboard on LED
2023</p> |
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