

Prescriptions: artists' books on wellbeing and medicine

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On Innards | Publication, by artists Richard Nash, Amanda Couch, Mindy Lee, and Andrew Hladky, was selected for the group exhibition *Prescriptions*, which ran in the Beaney House of Art & Knowledge, Canterbury, from 21 April to 25 September 2016 curated by Dr Stella Bolaki and Egidija Čiricaitė.

The title of the exhibition, *Prescriptions*, was taken from one of Martha A. Hall's artists' books. Hall's book art, created from 1998 until her death in 2003, documents her experiences with breast cancer and interactions with the medical community. These themes find unique expression through the intimacy, immediacy and complexity of the artist's book medium that not only challenges the conventional book form but also offers a palpable experience of the patient's world.

The exhibition featured around 90 artists' books by national and international artists responding to themes of cancer, disability, mental health, surgery, recovery, medicine and wellbeing. The curated show revealed the therapeutic and empowering potential of art whereby artists' books become an alternative kind of prescription. The exhibition featured 15 books by Hall, on loan from the University of New England's Maine Women Writers Collection, which were being shown in the UK for the first time.



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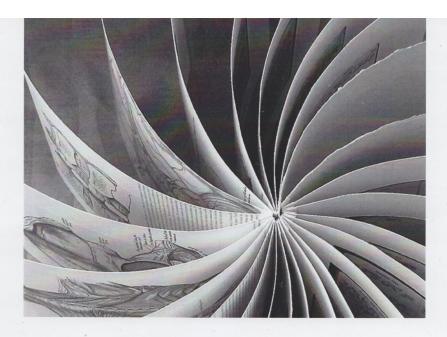


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Publicity materials



list of works for

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artists' books on wellbeing and medicine with featured artist, Martha A Hall

21 April - 14 August, 2016 The Beaney House of Art & Knowledge, Canterbury

Prescriptions is part of a wider research project on artists' books and the medical humanities (by the University of Kent and the University of New England).

1. Blue Moon Martha A. Hall

2. Dark Room Days Martha A. Hall

3. Diagnosis Martha A. Hall

4. I Make Books **Martha A. Hall**

5. It's Nothing Martha A. Hall

6. Legacy
Martha A. Hall

7. Living (II) Martha A. Hall 8. Paper Passages: A Duologue Between Friends Martha A. Hall and Allison Cooke Brown

9. Prescriptions Martha A. Hall

10. Tattoo Martha A. Hall

11. The Rest of My Life II Martha A. Hall

12. Test Day II Martha A. Hall **13.** Voices: Five Doctors Speak, July 7-16, 1998 **Martha A. Hall**

14. What You Don't Want to Know about Breast Cancer Martha A. Hall

15. 'The Ghost Project' Published **Mara Acoma** www.maraacoma.com

16. The Book of Common Prayer **Sophie Adams** www.sophieadams.com

17. Flutterbet of Angst/ Joy and The Dance to Death Veronica Adamson veronica@bluejade.org

18. Dossier: Constriction **Judith Alder** http://judithalder-live.co.uk/

19. Mind Maps
Penny Alexander
www.pennyalexander.wix.
com/artist

20. Losing Touch Karen Apps www.karenapps.com

21. Protecting my mind Gunilla Åsberg http://gunillaasberg.se

22. Scan Square Book Bini Atkinson biniatkinson.wix.com/bini

23. Hallux Valgus Bini Atkinson biniatkinson.wix.com/bini

24. Biological Correlations Heather Beardsley www.heatherbeardsley.com

25. No Mind
Gaby Berglund
Cardenas
www.gabyberglundcardenas.
wordpress.com
26. Parentesi
Settembrina September Parenthesis
Marina Biagini
duo09.wordpress.com

27. Madâme B's Homemade Existentialist Crisis **Janet Marie Bradley** janetmarieart.co.uk

28. Prescriptions Lizzie Brewer lizziebrewer.com

29. Rosebud Julie Brixey-Williams juliebrixey-williams.co.uk

30. In the Absence of Running **Véronique Chance** www.veroniquechance.com/

31. What do I do now you're gone Sally Chinea sallychinea.com

32. Innumerable as the stars of night **Egidija Čiricaitė** www.egidija.com

33. Unknown Carole Cluer www.carolecluer.com

34. Book of Scars Allison Cooke Brown allisoncookebrown.com

35. Core Sample
Allison Cooke Brown
allisoncookebrown.com

36. Wound
Allison Cooke Brown
allisoncookebrown.com

37. Suturing
Margaret Cooter
margaret-cooter.co.uk

38. On Innards
Amanda Couch, Andrew
Hladky, Mindy Lee, and
Richard Nash
oninnards.wordpress.com

39. Huwawa in the Everyday: An Almanac Amanda Couch www.amandacouch.co.uk

40. Entrail Troyen Amanda Couch www.amandacouch.co.uk

41. Reflection on Digestion Amanda Couch www.amandacouch.co.uk

42. Point of Contact **George Cullen** www.georgecullen.com

43. Bleeding out
(Internally)
parts A and B
Fiona Davies
www.fionadavies.com.au

44. I Can Read My Father **Mike Dodd**www.mike-dodd.com

45. The Olfactory
Archive Volume 1
(& Volume 2)
Emma Dolphin
emma.dolphin@network.rca.
ac.uk

46.Pharmacopoetics **Stephen Emmerson** stephenemmerson. wordpress.com/