



Blessings Pon Blessings
Rachel Jones

opening on the 2nd July 2021
Private View: 6-9pm
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“I am blessed
I am blessed
Every day of my life
I am blessed
When I wake up in the morning
And I lay my head to rest
Every day of my life I am blessed”

‘Blessings Pon Blessings’ is a collaborative work that pays homage to Jones’ heritage as a young Black British woman, consisting of an installation, sound piece and musical performances inspired by lyrics from Mr Vegas’ song, *“I am Blessed.”*

The space has been transformed into a performative venue, displaying personal images alongside contemporary art/pop cultural references that inspire Jones’ practice, including posters of works she encountered in her formative years studying at Glasgow School of Art. The imagery, sound piece and karaoke performances coalesce to enact a celebratory and affirmative statement of self love, joy and love for Black culture and the Black community.

Rachel Jones (b. 1991)

Rachel Jones has developed a deeply personal approach to abstraction, centred around an exploration of her own identity in relation to society's readings of the black body throughout history. Jones's paintings are informed by her research into the depiction of black figures in the arts from the eighteenth century to the present – how they are understood and culturally reproduced, and the potential role of these representations in dismantling existing power structures. The figure is notably abstracted in her works, as the artist is interested in 'using motifs and colour as a way to communicate ideas about the interiority of black bodies and their lived experience'.

Recent Exhibitions include:

Citizens of Memory, The Perimeter, London, UK, 2021

A Sovereign Mouth, 12.26, Dallas, TX, USA, 2020

A Focus on Painting, Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, London, UK, 2020

Rachel Jones & Nicholas Pope, The Sunday Painter, London, UK, 2020

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