

october gallery

Presents:

ARTISTS' FORUM

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**Saturday 12th
September,
2009.**

10 am – 7.30 pm

Accompanying
the exhibition

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Museums Inside the Artist

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Shigeyuki Kihara - George Nuku - Rosanna Raymond - Lisa Reihana

October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AL
Tues - Sat 12.30-5.30 or by appointment

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A day of talks, discussion and artists' presentations led by Oceanic artists **Rosanna Raymond**, **George Nuku**, **Shigeyuki Kihara** and **Lisa Reihana**. The Artists' Forum is a unique opportunity to reconsider the representation of cultural policies in museums and galleries.

After a formal Polynesian welcome, **Rosanna Raymond** will weave performance and visual arts together, looking at words as concrete artefacts and textiles in a session shared with spoken-word artist **Malika Booker**. **George Nuku** will speak on the theme of diversity in cultural institutions in a session shared with artist **Raimi Gbadamosi**. **Shigeyuki Kihara** will present a talk and a film about *Fa'a fafine; Gender & Sexual minorities in the Pacific* and artist Yinka Shonibare has been invited to collaborate on her session (participation tbc). **Lisa Reihana** will screen selected video projects, sharing a session with artist and film-maker **Isaac Julien**. This diverse and multi-disciplinary event aims to stimulate critical conversations and to explore new understandings between cultures. Artists, students, performers and scholars from the UK and Polynesia will discuss the issues and challenges faced by cultural leaders, artists, researchers and curators in today's global art markets. These themes are developed in the **ethKnowcentrix** exhibition, which focuses on the ways in which artists reclaim and subvert the 'ethnographic gaze' historically applied to Polynesian culture in the West. The day will end with a more informal but nevertheless very important aspect of Polynesian protocol, a shared meal and entertainment from UK based Polynesian performers.

To book a place please contact Danielle (Tel: 44 (0)20 7831 1618) email: rentals@octobergallery.co.uk.

Early booking recommended.

Price: £15 and £10 concessions. Price includes coffee, tea, Polynesian meal and evening reception.

Venue: October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AL

Telephone: 020 7242 7367

Opening hours: Tuesday – Saturday 12.30-5.30pm

Admission: Free

Website: www.octobergallery.co.uk

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Nearest tubes: Holborn/ Russell Square

Buses: 19, 25, 38, 55, 168 and 188

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