

BACKLIT

Volunteer Role:

Familiar Machines Gallery Assistant

9 March - 26 May

Private view - 8 March

Featuring work by Guerrilla Girls, Dominique Golden, ORLAN, Hannah Parikh, Sondra Perry, Kembra Pfahler, Millie Quick, Magali Reus, Global Sistaz, and Martha Wilson.

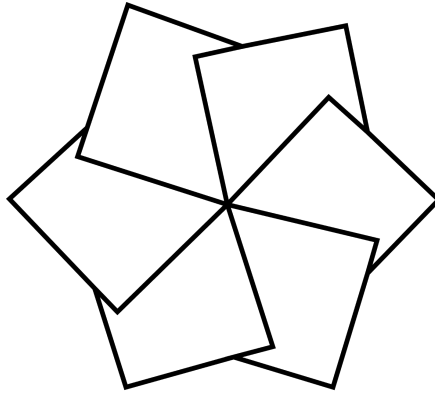
Familiar Machines presents mechanisms of power and feminine governance through practices that uncover modes of production using raw materiality and the body. The exhibition explores different modes of digital or 'mechanical' manipulation; both of the female body and through the challenging of patriarchal systems by encouraging social disobedience as a form of protest.

These works combine strategies that oscillate between object and subject often using humour, confrontational gestures, grotesque imagery and notions of the body as a commodity to diffuse and breakdown discrimination. The spaces where these issues intersect are where function and identity remain intentionally ambiguous through the power of technology.

'Familiar Machines' takes a non-hierarchical approach in bringing together works which explore the movement of both body and machine through public and online space.

Image by Sondra Perry courtesy of Electronic Arts Intermix (EAI), New York

If you have an enquiry about a volunteering role, please email info@backlit.org.uk or give us a call on 0115 837 2426.



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Purpose of the role:

A Gallery Assistant for the '[Familiar Machines](#)' exhibition at BACKLIT gallery.

A Gallery Assistant's job is to be in the gallery when the exhibition is open. They look after the work, speak to the public about the exhibits and enforce any house rules - 'no photography', 'no eating' in the space, 'don't touch'.

Date Volunteer is required: (30hrs total)

Opening Night	Thurs 8th March	2.5hrs 6pm-8.30pm
Fixed Exhibition Dates (min 4 days)	Between 9th March - 26th May	5hrs a day 12pm-5pm
Packing Away & Painting	Between 25th May - 6th June	5hrs a day 12pm-5pm

Main Tasks & Activities

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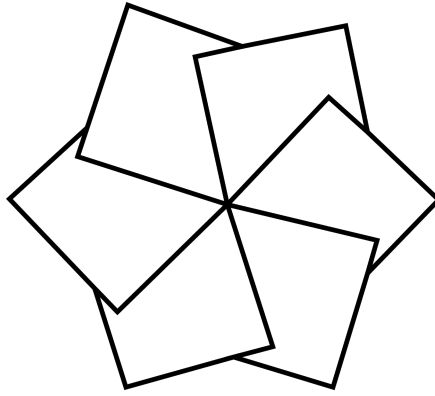
To invigilate on the dates above & 4 selected sessions during the exhibition.

[Download the Rota \(V1\)](#)

Skills & Experience Required

Ideally this opportunity is for someone from an Arts background, is interested in getting into the industry or is currently studying in the Arts.

- Good time-keeping
- Comfortable with interacting with the general public
- Able to follow precise instructions
- Monitoring and condition checking artwork
- Responsibility for security of artwork and gallery space



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- Engaging in critical dialogue with visitors
- Collecting audience visitor numbers
- Completion and collection of audience surveys
(in order for gallery to analyse and evaluate visitor type to inform future activity)
- Knowledge and an understanding of the artwork, artists and collaborators involved
- Representing Backlit as a volunteer member of staff
- Liaising with staff and technicians where and when relevant

Benefits for you

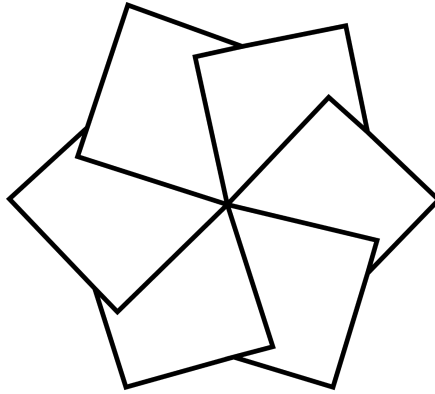
Any volunteer at BACKLIT will benefit from networking and industry experience, but each role has specific skills development to ensure the perfect match!

Volunteers at BACKLIT can now get structured support as well as having an increased number of opportunities available.

As well as benefiting from:

- Networking with local & national Artists
- Developing: Curation, Communication, Creativity, Cohesion
- Mentoring & Friendship
- Confidence & Public Speaking
- Relevant Industry Experience
- Work Experience & Employment
- References
- Community Involvement

In addition you have the opportunity to work as a group to present a response Exhibition in the Project Space towards the end of May 2019.



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Where is it & Who will I be working with?

'Familiar Machines' will be exhibited at BACKLIT & this role will be supported by the Volunteer Coordinator and Artists exhibiting at the show.

- All BACKLIT staff & exhibiting Artists

Support offered

Advanced:

- Volunteer Induction
- Initial Interview
- Skills Development Support
- One2One's
- Meeting Attendance

Other information

Interviews will take place Wednesday 6th March 2019.

Closing date for application is Thursday 28th February 2019.

Volunteers must be available for an induction on Thursday 7th March, Friday 8th March, Wednesday 13th March & Saturday 16th March 2019.

Volunteers must have a full induction before attending their first shift.

How to apply

To apply for this role you can complete a [Volunteer Interest Form](#).