

Kelly Jazvac: *Lamina Stamina*

May 5 to September 9, 2018

Museum London – Volunteer and Moore Galleries on second floor (wheelchair accessible)



Image: Kelly Jazvac, *Battle of Leisure*, 2013, metal, salvaged vinyl, adhesive, fasteners, lamp components. Collection of Museum London

Opening Reception

Friday, May 11, 8:00 pm Free and open to the public

Artist-led Tour and Catalogue Launch with Kelly Jazvac

Saturday, August 12, tour at 2:00 pm, catalogue signing at 3:00 pm Free and open to the public

A publication documenting *Lamina Stamina* is forthcoming in Summer 2018.

For more than a decade, London artist (now Montreal-based) Kelly Jazvac has created innovative art from the vinyl offcuts and other refuse of commercial sign makers. *Lamina Stamina* brings together an array of her diverse, often experimental pieces, including the recent Museum London acquisition *Battle of Leisure* (2013), shown here for the first time.

Jazvac develops unconventional objects and two-dimensional pieces that press against walls, linger across floors, and feature soft layers and bubbled skins. Her practice represents more than a sensuous contemplation of the extraordinary colour, stretch, and shine of synthetic products. Her media of choice, like the exhibition title, plays on the ubiquity of plastics in contemporary life, and the long-lasting implications of its presence on the environment. Her work brings attention to the increasing pervasiveness of plastic in our water and soil, and its impact on everything from microscopic plants and animals to our own human health.

Jazvac was an influential presence in London's art community for several years, working as a professor at Western University's Department of Visual Art from 2009 through 2017. Her role as an educator is strongly linked to her practice, as demonstrated in a 2016 workshop she created in which schoolchildren considered desire and agency in cycles of consumption. Participants brought in an object that they once really wanted, but no longer cared about. They then used their creativity to make the object special again. Images of these workshops appear in the exhibition, and an artist-led activity for youth complements the exhibition.

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HOURS:

Tuesday to Sunday 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm

Thursday 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm

Opens at 11:00 am from May 22 to September 2

Closed Monday

Admission by donation.

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