



Press Release

Tim Etchells

More Noise

14th January – 12th March 2016
Private view: 15th January, 6-8pm
Bloomberg SPACE, London EC2

'More Noise' is an exhibition of three neon works by artist Tim Etchells, commissioned as part of the Bloomberg Philanthropies-supported Lumiere London Festival. Curated by Helen Marriage, Director of Artichoke, the exhibition builds on Bloomberg SPACE's programme of ongoing collaborations with key cultural partners.

The exhibition centres on a new work - 'More Noise' - comprising 14 scattered and interconnected neon phrases which read - 'MORE NOISE' and 'THAN SIGNAL' in different colours, presented at floor level. The work invokes the idea of sound, playing on Etchells' interest in the relation between pattern, order, disorder, sense and nonsense. This work is presented with two existing wall neon works 'Mirror Pieces' and 'Let's Pretend', which interact with and reflect some of the themes of the new work.

"Across the range of my work I use strong, simple, sometimes comical means to get to serious ideas," said Etchells. "I'm drawn both to the speed, clarity and vividness with which language communicates narrative, image and ideas, and at the same time to its amazing propensity to create a rich field of uncertainty and ambiguity."

Bloomberg Philanthropies is a proud supporter of Lumiere London, which takes place from the 14th – 17th January in King's Cross, several locations in the West End, including Mayfair and Grosvenor Square, Piccadilly, Regent Street, Leicester Square and St James's; as well as Trafalgar Square and Westminster. Free to attend, the festival will re-imagine London's urban landscape and architecture through 30 illuminated artworks. It aims to attract Londoners and tourists alike into the heart of the capital during what is traditionally one of the quieter months of the year. Festival visitors are being encouraged to explore the dazzling nighttime gallery on foot, discovering parts of the capital for the first time and seeing familiar sights in a new light. For further information visit the festival website www.visitlondon.com/lumiere.

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Listings information

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Bloomberg SPACE, 50 Finsbury Square,
London, EC2A 1HD

Open Monday – Saturday

11am – 6pm

Admission Free

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Tim Etchells is an artist and a writer based in the UK whose work shifts between visual art, performance and fiction. He has worked in a wide variety of contexts, notably as the leader of the world-renowned Sheffield-based performance group Forced Entertainment. He is currently Professor of Performance & Writing at Lancaster University. www.timetchells.com

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About Lumiere London

Lumiere was created by Artichoke in Durham in 2009, and has been recommissioned by Durham County Council every two years since then. In 2013, Artichoke also produced *Lumiere* in Derry~Londonderry UK City of Culture, commissioned by Culture Company 2013. In November 2015, the festival returned to Durham for the fourth time, attracting an estimated 200,000 visitors to the city. www.lumiere-festival.com