



Stockwell Depot

1967–79

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- Founded in 1967, Stockwell Depot in south London heralded the emergence of the artists' studio movement
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- The exhibition was co-curated by Sam Cornish and David Waterworth, both of whom have written in this publication

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For over 25 years, this disused former brewery in south London functioned as a cooperative studio and exhibition space. Artists associated with the Depot – Roland Brener, Jennifer Durrant, David Evison, Katherine Gili, Peter Hide and Roelof Louw, among many others – held differing and often competing attitudes towards art. The ambitious work made and shown at the Depot tells the story of late modernism in Britain, tracing a period full of formal experimentation and critical debate.

Incorporating interviews with 10 artists alongside a major essay by Sam Cornish, this volume is the first to examine the artists' activities within a historical context and to track their development through the Depot's pivotal annual exhibitions.

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