

# FELIX & SPEAR

## Modern British and Contemporary Art

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### JEANETTE BARNES

#### *Urban Journeys*

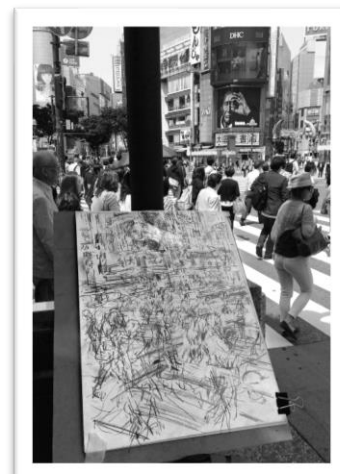
14 Sep – 12 Oct 2019

Opening Reception: Friday 13 Sep, 6-8 pm

Ealing, London W5, August 21, 2019 – Felix & Spear Gallery is delighted to present the exhibition 'Urban Journeys' by Jeanette Barnes. This is her second solo exhibition of large scale drawings and monotypes with the gallery.

*"Through drawings and prints my practise engages with the constant development within the urban landscape. I produce large compressed charcoal drawings, seeking to explore the relationships between the built environment and those who inhabit it. Sometimes figures are of central importance or of implied presence- I like to use their movement as a metaphor for energy within the city and passage of time. Each drawing is a history of experiences, the layering of responses.*

*Whether at home or abroad I always feel as though I am on an urban journey of some kind, exploring cities and sights as I draw. When working in London there is a sense of familiarity, of experience, as much as this informs the work sometimes it must be jolted, re-energised with use of a vibrant plan. Works in other locations are more meticulously organised with a variety of pencil drawings capturing specific information for use back in the studio. From both sources the freedom to improvise has its root in observed reality." Jeanette Barnes, 2019.*



#### About Jeanette Barnes

Jeanette Barnes studied Fine Art at Liverpool Polytechnic in the early 1980's. Originally from a small Lancashire mill town Barnes became fascinated by the architecture, people and energy of the city and this has been her subject ever since.

She attained a Post-Graduate in painting at the Royal Academy Schools and was then awarded a Henry Moore scholarship to study at the Royal College of Art for an MA in printmaking. Whilst continuing with her own practice and maintaining a studio in East London, since graduating she has taught drawing on the Royal Academy of Arts Outreach programme and is also a drawing and printmaking tutor at the Royal Drawing School.

#### NOTES TO EDITORS

Gallery address: **Felix & Spear, 71 St. Mary's Road, London W5 5RG**

Exhibition Opening Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10.30am – 6.00pm, Saturday 11.00am – 3.00pm

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