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David Shutt

Recent Paintings: Trees

21 July – 31 August 2018 (excluding 6-20 Aug)

Opening Reception: Friday 20 July, 6-8 pm

Ealing, London W5, July 10, 2018 – Felix & Spear gallery is delighted to present a second solo exhibition of paintings by David Shutt LG (b.1945) *'Recent paintings: Trees'*.

"...When I paint the willow tree on an island in The Thames near Cookham, I cannot help thinking of what Stanley Spencer said, "You can't walk by the river at Cliveden Reach and not believe in God", with which I can completely identify and empathise, even if I have no belief in a divine being. Cezanne said very similar things. But I also hold with the Zen notion of essence, as in the story of child and parent looking into a meadow. The child asks, "Is that a horse?" to which the parent replies, "No, that is just what we call it." I think pictorial construction (to put it drily) has always been wary of over conceptualisation, when we often give precedence to the literary over the visual..."

David Shutt, April 2018

ABOUT DAVID SHUTT

David Shutt was born in 1945 in West Kirby. Having met LS Lowry on several occasions as a school boy, David decided to pursue a career in art by first studying in Manchester (1964) followed by Leeds (1968) and then the Slade (1979). David was fortunate to be taught and to meet several prominent British artists/teachers during his art education: Adrian Henri, Quentin Bell, Lawrence Gowing, William Coldstream, Euan Uglow, Patrick George, Patrick Symons and Norman Norris. He is a member of The London Group and lives and works in Kent, England.

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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