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| *eye, i, you*  1a Tenter Ground, London, E1 7NH  22 February - 22 April 2023  Wed-Sat 12.00-17.00  *Camilla Bliss*  *Elizabeth Gabrielle Lee*  *Fiona Ones*  a-i-gallery.com | The works in, *eye, i, you*, examine the concept of memory as an archive as a starting point, and particularly that a memory of present can be of something absent, the past. Like a palimpsest, archives are a form of storytelling which in turn link history and memory and, their common construct. Featuring artists: **Camilla Bliss** (1989, UK), **Elizabeth Gabrielle Lee** (1994, Singapore) and **Fiona Ones** (1986, Germany) - their works draw from myths, found photography, colonial text and poetry.  **Camilla Bliss** welcomes a familiar world of myths and folklore once visited in our childhood and now blurs into the background of our daily lives. Bliss resurrects a fable through her piece, *Woodcutter Bell*. The fantastical, bronze trinket acts as a totem, symbolizing the morals that stood as pillars in the fable of ‘The Woodcutter and his Axe’. The recurring motif of a face, features in a series of ceramic works with horse hair titled *Guardian Tassels*. These are inspired by different amulets and talismanic objects placed around the home for protection that can be found within many cultures across the world. The guardian faces that look outwards from each tassel are there to protect the wellbeing of people around it. Bliss’ practice is mostly influenced by children’s books as she incorporates child-like imageries and intertwines it to adult concepts such as death or grief. Perhaps here, Bliss is reminding us, as the audience, of our playfulness and that child-like wonder that still lives in the world of myths and fantasies as a way of coping with growth.  In **Elizabeth Gabrielle Lee** photographic series, *We’ve Got the Sun Under our Skin*, each image is accompanied by an excerpt from 19th-21st century ethnographic novels of colonial Malaya (current day Malaysia). Though the textual archives illustrate a story of oneself, or at times a historical event, colonial novels tend to act as a form of ‘soft violence’. Most of these historical texts were written by men through their Western lens. Lee sees that in these narratives, voices of the Other were drowned by the language of colonialism. It is imperative to Lee that the stories that were once lost and fractured by colonial literatures are heard. Lee deconstructs and reclaims the meanings of these texts by weaving subliminal images such as of foliage and traditional clothing as a means to decentre the colonial narrative and instead, embracing the stories of the unseen/unheard. In doing so, the artist utilizes the colonial archives and transforms it into a beautiful and empowering alternative history, shifting the dominant narrative.  **Fiona Ones** evokes a fictional narrative drawn from an archive of photographs. The series of works titled *Just Like You, But Different* is a collection of silent memories documenting the first half of the 20th century. Ones was drawn to the intimacy of these small but significant moments. Using a chemical process of isolating the respective elements in each photograph, what is left is a granular narrative from the past. Paired with the photographic works are pencil and needle drawings. Ones dissolves the past and the present into a cumulative experience invoking feelings of nostalgia of what once was. |

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| **Fiona Ones**  *Eye, I, You* , 2021  Pencil and Needledrawing on Paper  Paper: 26 x 18cm  Frame: 30 x 22cm    **Fiona Ones**  Untitled 34, 2017  archive photograph with needle drawing  Frame: 31.5 x 25.5cm    **Fiona Ones**  *Reality vs. Illusions*, 2021  Pencil and Needledrawing on Paper  Paper: 26 x 18cm  Frame: 30 x 22cm    **Fiona Ones**  *Untitled 32 & 33* , 2017  a pair of archive photographs  Unframed: (a) 5.8 x 8.8cm, (b) 5.6 x 8.6cm  Framed: 24 x 33 cm    **Fiona Ones**  Picnic Australia, 2018  archive photograph with needle drawing  Frame: 14 x 19.5cm    **Fiona Ones**  *Untitled 8 & 9* , 2017  a pair of archive photographs  Framed: 33.5 x 25cm  **Fiona Ones**  Car- Australia 51, 2018  archive photograph  Frame: 18x24cm    **Elizabeth Gabrielle Lee**  *Confusion in my soul*, 2019  Archival photograph  Unframed: 151 x 121 cm  Framed: 156 x 126 cm    ‘I still pretend to be looking at the jungle when I was but looking at the confusion in my soul.’  -*The Soul of Malaya*, Henri Fauconnier, 1930 | **Elizabeth Gabrielle Lee**  *Three Gold or Jewelled Brooches*, 2018  archive pigment print  Frame: 42 x 33.5 cm  Photo: 39 x 31 cm    ‘In the house they wear a sarong and a loose jacket, long or short, but when dressed to be seen they often wear two sarongs, one over the other, and a long jacket of silk or satin, fastened in front by three gold or jewelled brooches.’  -*British Malaya*, Frank Swettenham, 1906    **Camilla Bliss**  *Woodcutter Bell*, 2021  Bronze  12.5 x 7 x7  **Camilla Bliss**  *Guardian Tassel (Red & White)*, 2023  Ceramic, horsehair and cotton cord  14 x 4 x 4 cm  **Camilla Bliss**  *Guardian Tassel (Gold)*, 2022  Ceramic, Gold leaf, horsehair and cotton cord  13 x 6 x 6 cm  **Camilla Bliss**  *Guardian Tassel (Petrol & Ocre)*, 2023  Ceramic, horsehair and cotton cord  13 x 6 x 6 cm  **Camilla Bliss**  *Guardian Tassel (Sage)*, 2023  Ceramic, horsehair, and cotton cord  13 x 6 x 6 cm  **Camilla Bliss**  *Guardian Tassel (Blue & White*), 2022  Ceramic, horsehair and cotton cord  14 x 4 x 4cm    **Elizabeth Gabrielle Lee**  *Like Watermarks*, 2019  archive pigment print  Frame: 42 x 33.5 cm  Photo: 39 x 31 cm    ‘Naked under a short flowered sarong knotted across their breasts, they bent down to draw water, and then stood with up-raised arms while the water gushed over their rounded shoulders. The transparent patterned stuff stuck to their skin like tattoo marks.’  -*The Soul of Malaya*, Henri Fauconnier, 1930 |