

My Dirty Secret!

Touring Information



My Dirty Secret! is an experiential artwork by Kristina Veasey borne from her frustration as a disabled person trying to keep up with the housework. Through attempts to maintain independence and a sense of control over her life, she inadvertently began making friends with her enemy, the household dirt.

A vibrant, immersive installation shares and celebrates the results of this unlikely friendship by transforming images of common household detritus into stunning fabrics and furnishings. A visual feast of quirky patterns and psychedelic tessellations run riot across walls, curtains, cushions and armchairs.

The audience is invited to interact by reading books, reclining in a chair, watching TV, listening to soundscapes, all taking them further into a stimulating world of household dirt and personal experience.

Through humour and surprise, My Dirty Secret! prompts visitors to observe the everyday in new ways. Will they still be so swift to vacuum under the sofa, or will they pause to re-imagine the discarded treasures beneath?

“A real treat for the senses – colours, sounds and textures. What a mess!”

Audience feedback

My Dirty Secret! was selected as an Emerging Artists R&D Commission by Unlimited and funded by Spirit of 2012.

It is available to tour and can adapt to different sized venues.



**Watch My Dirty Secret:
The Install**

Bring Bring !!
Great fun at @kristinaveasey
My Dirty Secret **fabulous**
#interactive & #experiential
installation Loved deciphering
dirt & mess within all the different
#patterns #eastbourne
#unlimitedcomissions
#accessible

**My Dirty Secret!
is available to tour**

The installation can be scaled up or down to adapt to your space and is suitable for audiences of all ages.

Wallpaper

- **Pop-up roller banner screens**
Up to 7 light weight screens of various sizes and different patterns are available to transform the exhibition area for My Dirty Secret!
- **Bespoke papering**
Wallpaper is ordered to fit the specific dimensions of your exhibition space. An additional cost available on request.



“Access routes into the work had clearly been built into the creative process from the start with audio description via the telephone line and TV documentary.”
Audience feedback



Furniture and soft furnishings

Choose from:

- Armchair and cushions
- Lloyd Loom chair
- Lamps (standard and table top)
- Dining table and upholstered chairs
- Mugs, coasters and place mats
- Curtains
- Framed photographs of dirt
- Coffee table
- Rugs of various sizes



"Dirt is part of all our lives and to see it glorified is great! I also really appreciate the attention to detail that's gone into access planning. Very rare to find that level of thought and commitment and again to find solutions that fit with the aesthetics!"

Jo Verrent, Unlimited

"What a beautifully executed and presented idea... funny, poignant, whimsical and tragic. We live with these dilemmas – great to see them highlighted like this"

Colin Hambrook, Editor of DAO

"Great that kids are allowed to touch and play as if it's a real house."

Audience feedback

Interactive elements

Listen to, read and see people's dirty secrets:

- TV with 2 soundscapes (102 and 75 seconds) and Through the Back Door TV programme (14.5 minutes)
- Sensor triggered telephone with 'Dirty confessions'
- Letter rack and mail to the 'Dirty House'
- Bookshelf and 'Dirty Books' with audio (10-120 seconds each)



"It was never my aim to make friends with my dirt; to celebrate it and give it the limelight. Far from it, but what began as a hostile takeover has evolved into a beautiful relationship."

Kristina Veasey, Artist



My Dirty Secret! has shown at:

- [Cambridge Junction Festival](#)
I'm Here, Where Are You? April, 2019
- [Unlimited Festival](#), Southbank Centre, London, September, 2018
- [Artsdepot](#), London, May-June, 2018
- [DC1](#), Eastbourne, March 2018



“Fantastic and thought provoking – I got lost in all the different pieces whether the phone, letters and books or the wallpapers and curtains and chairs.”

Helen Killingley, Spirit of 2012

Participation

Participatory elements can be added to the show:

Artists talk

Kristina will share her motivation behind the project, the process of creating the work and the stories and people she met along the way.

Air Your Dirty Washing

Paper socks and pants for audience to share their dirty secrets on.

Clearing Things Up

Photo/pattern trail matching images of dirt to patterns in the room.

An Invitation to Clean

Pinnies, feather dusters and framed invitation for the audience to clean.

Costs

Hosting My Dirty Secret! costs from £700, plus transport.

Artist engagement and bespoke wallpapering costs on enquiry.



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