

## Model Village

Curated by **Hot Desque**

At the Swiss Church in London

27 - 31 October 2020

The exhibition *Model Village* at the Swiss Church in London takes the form of a series of artist-made scale models. These will be used as alternative exhibition spaces as part of the resulting project of nomadic curatorial platform Hot Desque's residency at the church.

The project draws upon the term 'scenario,' originating in commedia dell'arte: a written outline of the characters and events in a play from which actors are invited to improvise around. Scenarios can be seen as collages of actions, intentions, emotions and props. Scenarios create stories, bringing people together to creatively invent possible outcomes in response to one another. The exhibition of maquettes attempts to align the original theatrical source of the term and its roots in experimentation, with the now more common meaning of 'a potential set of happenings'.

Hot Desque has invited 9 artistic practitioners - from artists to architects - to design and create exhibition models. During their residency, Hot Desque has been inspired by the theatres surrounding the Covent Garden area. While they remain closed to the public, imagining their sets and backstage areas, they have been interested in using set-building to transport oneself into other worlds. Within the artist-made models Hot Desque will curate videos and image cut-outs of other artists' works, as if they are characters on stage.

With galleries closed and exhibitions moved online in light of COVID-19, this exhibition plays upon our new navigation of space, bringing together a wide-ranging artist community through collaboration. Model Village aims to respond to the current climate with positivity, creativity and action through providing an experimental exhibition opportunity for a large group of artists.

*The exhibition will run from 27 - 31 October 2020 online and in person by appointment only.*