‘TOP SHELF’ PHOTOGRAPHY

Guildhall Art Gallery

Liz Johnson Artur has lived and worked in London since the early 1990s. A Ghanaian-Russian photographer, her work documents the lives of Black people from across the African Diaspora, with her recent work focusing on Black British, south London communities.

This piece was created especially for the Guildhall Art Gallery and was inspired by its collection. It is a fascinating portrayal of London’s Black communities, each photograph capturing beautiful and compelling moments of everyday Black British life, mostly in Brixton and Peckham, in over 25 years of rich history. Top Shelf interweaves different narratives, highlighting family, love and friendships, whilst also exploring cultural nuances.