

## About Half Moon

Half Moon is a vibrant young people's theatre in Limehouse, East London, offering a theatre programme which attracts thousands of people to the building each year, as well as to our productions on tour throughout the UK.

We also have an extensive Creative Learning programme, giving children and young people from birth to 18 (or 25 for disabled young people) an opportunity to participate in a variety of creative activities in schools, community settings and in our own building.

The company is one of Arts Council England's National Portfolio Organisations and also receives grants from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. Each year we have to raise over £100,000 in additional grants and donations, so do contact us if you can help in any way.

## Gallery @ Half Moon

Half Moon created an exciting opportunity to provide further support to the community by inviting artists to showcase their work in the gallery, developed as part of the 2012-2014 Capital Refurbishment Project.

We are always looking for artists to exhibit for 3 month periods. We particularly like to hear from artists who live or work in Tower Hamlets. Works must be of a mixed-scale and suitable for a family audience. All works should be available for purchase and will be subject to a small commission if sold.

## Mailing List

If you would like to be added to our mailing list for future exhibitions, please leave your contact details with staff at the box office or in the office. Alternatively, you can visit our website, [www.halfmoon.org.uk](http://www.halfmoon.org.uk).

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# Picture, Letter

by Jenny Wright

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London based artist Jenny Wright offers a playful and contemporary reflection upon the image as language. Using her obsession with emoji and their expressive capabilities without the need for words, *Picture, Letter* shows how these popular images can say one or several things simultaneously, simply through the looks of their faces.

Emoji's have become the UK's fastest growing language. According to a recent survey by TalkTalk Mobile, 72% of 16 to 25-year-olds found it easier to put their feelings across in emoji icons than in text. Jenny has taken this current fascination and reinterpreted it in her own style.

To give a formal structure to the exhibition, Jenny's concept has been to create an emoji alphabet. The irony in adopting a framework which borrows from traditional methods of teaching language to infants ('A is for...' and so on) emphasises the transformative nature of language, and how images are further disrupting expectations of literacy and education.

The artist explores her interest in both traditional and contemporary Japanese culture in all of the illustrations in *Picture, Letter*, including Japanese painting techniques and materials. Jenny's fascination with the expressive capabilities of Noh theatre masks lends itself very well to this, an exhibition dedicated to the diverse ways in which emoji transcend language.

*Picture, Letter* was originally conceived with Haiku poet Lily Dessau. For this exhibition only the images of the twofold project are being displayed.

## Responding to the exhibition

Beneath some of the paintings there are chalk boards for visitors – young and older - to make their own responses, or leave their own creative imprints for others to enjoy. There is also a specially created gallery trail for children to complete.

School and community groups can visit free of charge by pre-booking and can use our gallery trail to support Arts Award Discover and Explore. Contact Beccy on 020 7709 8908 or [youth@halfmoon.org.uk](mailto:youth@halfmoon.org.uk) for more information.

## List of Works:

1.	<b>M for Mushroom</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
2.	<b>J for Jogging</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
3.	<b>Q for Question</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
4.	<b>Y for Yellow Heart</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
5.	<b>A for Ant</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
6.	<b>L for Letter</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
7.	<b>O for Orange</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
8.	<b>G for Grandparents</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
9.	<b>S for Sake</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
10.	<b>B for Bath</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
11.	<b>P for Pencil</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
12.	<b>D for Door</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
13.	<b>V for Violin</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
14.	<b>W for Wave</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
15.	<b>R for Radio</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
16.	<b>F for Fist Bump</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
17.	<b>N for Noh</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
18.	<b>T for Ticket</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
19.	<b>U for Unimpressed</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
20.	<b>H for Hazelnut</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
21.	<b>E for Egg</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
22.	<b>Z for Zzz</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
23.	<b>I for Inspiration</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)
24.	<b>K for Kiss</b>	£45 (£25 unframed)

*Please ask a member of staff if you wish to purchase a piece of art.*