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## **BMW Tate Live Exhibition 2018: Ten Days Six Nights. Joan Jonas to shape Tate Modern's Tanks.**

**London.** Tate Modern will stage its second annual BMW Tate Live Exhibition in March 2018 in the atmospheric subterranean Tanks. Joan Jonas, a pioneer of performance art, will be this year's focus coinciding with a major survey of her work in the galleries above. Unfolding over ten days and six nights, BMW Tate Live Exhibition 2018 will showcase Jonas's performances and installations including ground-breaking works not staged for 40 years. Her work will be presented in dialogue with an intergenerational selection of artists – including Jason Moran, Mark Leckey, Sylvia Palacios Whitman and Jumana Emil Abboud – demonstrating her lasting legacy and powerful impact on contemporary artists today.

Graeme Grieve, Chief Executive Officer, BMW Group UK and Ireland said: "BMW is proud of its long relationship with Tate Modern and especially in the evolution of BMW Tate Live, launched in its well-received new format last year. It is particularly exciting that Joan Jonas will take centre stage, amongst an array of cutting-edge performance artists at the event next March, having featured in one of our BMW Tate Live Performance Room events back in 2013. We look forward to joining forces with Tate again next year from what I am sure will be another memorable event."

Throughout the exhibition's ten days, visitors will be invited to explore a series of installations in the Tanks. These will include Joan Jonas' acclaimed installation "Reanimation", a spellbinding environment made from projected footage of Arctic landscapes and light refracted through dozens of hanging crystals. Also on display will be two early sculptural works by Jonas: "Cones/May Windows (After Mirage)" 1976 and "Stage Sets" 1977. Jonas' interest in myth-making and mystery will be echoed in a new commission in the Tanks foyer by Jumana Emil Abboud drawing on Palestinian folklore and fairy tales.

The six night programme will open with Jonas performing live together with her long-time collaborator, the celebrated jazz pianist and composer Jason Moran. The third and fourth nights will be dedicated to three seminal performances from a formative period in Jonas' career: "Mirror Check", "Mirror Piece II" and "Mirage". The final weekend will focus on Chilean-American artist Sylvia Palacios Whitman, a peer of Jonas who also came to prominence in New York in the 1970s. She will perform for the first time in the UK and will debut a new collaboration with Christopher Rauschenberg, son of legendary experimental artist Robert Rauschenberg. The last night will also feature a participatory performance by Turner Prize winner Mark Leckey.

In addition to the ticketed evening programme, there will be daily free performances of Jonas' "Mirror Piece II", and at low tide the exhibition will extend onto the banks of the Thames for a newly reconfigured version of Jonas' performance "Delay Delay", an outdoor ritual which will play out on Bankside's shoreline each day.

The exhibition follows the success of this year's inaugural BMW Tate Live Exhibition, which welcomed tens of thousands of visitors in spring 2017. Part of Tate Modern's ongoing performance programme in partnership with BMW, the first Ten Days Six

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Nights broke new ground for the exhibition format with an ever-changing programme of installations and live performances. Taking place in the Tanks, the world's first museum spaces dedicated to performance, film and installation, as well as on the new terrace above, it included a fog sculpture by Fujiko Nakaya, a plant-filled environment for dance and debate by Isabel Lewis, and a host of one-off performances and screenings.

BMW Tate Live Exhibition 2018: Ten Days Six Nights is curated by Catherine Wood, Senior Curator of International Art (Performance), Andrea Lissoni, Senior Curator of International Art (Film) and Isabella Maidment, Assistant Curator of Performance.

**About BMW Tate Live**

BMW Tate Live is a major international partnership between BMW and Tate, which aims to foreground the pivotal role of live experimentation in art history and among artists working today. The programme has now showcased over 50 artists including both emerging and more familiar figures from across the world. It began in 2012 with the world's first performance programme created for live online broadcast, and evolved into an ongoing series of performances at Tate Modern. As performance took on an increasingly key role in Tate Modern's vision for the future of the museum, the first annual BMW Tate Live Exhibition was opened in the Tanks in 2017. For further information, please visit [tate.org.uk/bmwatelive](http://tate.org.uk/bmwatelive)

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