In collaboration with Shipton Gallery and curator Isabella Greenwood from London, Semester9 invites you to engage with Vigil: Death and the Afterlife, an exhibition presenting 27 contemporary artists exploring mortality in today's fast-paced, technology-driven world.

A "vigil" traditionally signifies a quiet period of watchfulness observed between death and burial, as loved ones keep watch over the ailing or mourn the departed. To keep vigil is to confront mortality itself, acknowledging the fragility of one's existence while honouring another's passing. This exhibition invites you to face what it could mean to bear witness to death and all that it entails.

As you journey through Vigil: Death and the Afterlife, you'll encounter three themes: the physical reality of death and decay, imagined realms beyond earthly existence, and a speculative post-human world questioning what remains when we are gone. Set within the dark, industrial halls of *Loods6*, the exhibition unfolds like a dreamscape, where illuminated objects reveal moments of introspection and clarity.

Through installations, sculptures, paintings, and multimedia works, Vigil: Death and the Afterlife draws you into a contemplative realm, inviting reflection on life, death, and what may lie beyond. Amid a world often marked by turmoil and uncertainty, this exhibition offers a space to pause, reflect, and find meaning in the act of witnessing death and its many mysteries.



1. Harry Hugo Little 5YOP, 2024 Oil on wood board 18 x 16 cm

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2. KT Kobel When the absence is as voluptuous as the excess, 2024 Acrylic, resin, wood 100 x 140 x 30 cm

3. Ella Fleck When you wish upon a star, 2022 Linen, epoxy, LED lights 110 x 80 x 15 cm

4. Max Otis King Votive Watching, 2022 Physical Video (Livestream) 40 x 20 x 20 cm

5. Jamie John Davies Mouth (1,3,6,7,8) 2022 Oil on Linen 25.5 x 20.5 cm

6. Folkert De Jong Ancestor (1-5), 2023 Acrylglas box 200 x 60 x 60 cm

7. Andrei Nitu Warm Blooded Organism, 2024 Oil on canvas 175 x 145 cm

8. Andrei Nitu Museum Visit, 2023 Oil on canvas 120 x 100 cm

9. Leon Scott Engel You Are Everything and Everything Is You, 2024 Oil on Tailored Linen, Foam 138cm x 68cm x 7.5 cm

10. Necker Doll The Best Of Me (Muerte y Mantia), 2024 Painted polyurethane, rubber, acrylic, ribbon, laces, wood 40 x 45 x 18 cm

11. Lilv Bloom Barking Of A Quiet Heart, 2023 Plastic, Wax, Blood 15 x 15 x 40 cm

12. Lily Bloom Granted, 2023 Plastic, Wax, Blood $3 \times 18 \times 7 \text{ cm}$

13. Ernest Bessems Saw of Lust, 2024 Bronze, black patinated 60 x 22 x 7 cm

14. Ernest Bessems Sickle of Envy, 2024 Bronze, black patinated 45 x 27 x 5 cm

15. Ernest Bessems Sheers of Gluttony, 2024 Bronze, black patinated 38 x 12 x 5 cm

16. Daddy Bears Lucid, 2024 Wood, mixed fabrics, hollow fiber stuffing, thread 30 x 57 x 49 cm

17 Tomasz Skibicki AHA - ERLEBNIS III, 2018 Handcrafted punching pad made of found coffin fabrics, bleached leather, tie wraps, and dental floss 40 x 30 x 15 cm

18. Szilvia Bolla Rivotril Flowers Fall I (Gag Reflex), 2024 Stereolithography print, calcium and argon in a glass ampule, steel 3D print 35 x 15 x 10 cm (edition of 3)

19. Szilvia Bolla Rivotril Flowers Fall II (Serotonergic Swirl), 2024 Aluminium coated stereolithography print 25 x 15 x 10 cm (edition of 3)

20. Lily Bloom Ask Again, 2024 Porcelain, Magic 8 Ball, Solder 11 x 10 cm + 21 x 16 cm

21. Anna Lena Krause I Hold You Together, 2021 Resin, Blue and Yellow Ink 75 x 50 x 60 cm

22. Honey Baker Honey, 2024 Resin 27 x 37 x 28 cm

23. Bregje Sliepenbeek TEMENOS, 2024 Aluminium 420 x 360 x 200 cm

24. Bora Akinciturk Release Dove, 2020 Oil on canvas 50 x 40 cm

25. **Kate Burling** Study for α Pair of White Lines, 2024 Oil on Wood Panel 40 x 50 cm

26. Salomé Wu The Wind Stood Still Silently, 2023 55 x 95 cm

27. Tomasz Skibicki OH MY GOAT, 2018-2024 2-channel video installation, HD video, stereo, 2'22" loop, 2 x 19-inch TFT screens, 2 x media player, plaster boards, construction profiles

28. Simon Chovan Hedgehog's Dilemma, 2024
Jesmonite, foraged iron oxide, burlap, Variable dimensions

29. Simon Chovan Dear Thearlings, 2021 Silicone, foraged iron oxide, textile mesh, metal 150 x 30 x 30 cm

30. Doron Beuns The Impossibility of Nihilism, 2021 Steel, polyurethane, PVC, water-decal print, lacquer 80 x 52 x 170 cm

31. Maksud Ali Mondal Synthesis, 2024 Chlorophyll on glass and Light 140 cm / 110 cm (each glass)

32. Nataliya Zuban Coexistence, 2024 Fired clay, crater glaze, pigments $30 \times 67 \times 71 \text{ cm}$

33. Phoebe Evans Omen, 2024 Oil on linen 25 x 25 cm

34. Melle Nieling Beneath the Markers, 2024 Various materials, video 200 x 89 x 40 cm