David Cotterrell: Blavatnik Galleries at Imperial War Museum - 10.11.23

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David's work, Gatewayll, has been selected for inclusion in the inaugural Blavatnik Art, Film and Photography Galleries exhibition, at the Imperial War Museum (IWM), London. This is the first time in IWMs history that a permanent gallery space has been created to display the three collections together - visual art, film and photography. Stepping into the Galleries, visitors will learn how the museum has been collecting and interpreting artistic responses to conflict since its inception during the First World War.

Objects on display will include Peter Jacksons award-winning 2018 film They Shall Not Grow Old, which transformed original archive footage into colour for a reimagining of the First World War. Artworks from renowned artists from the First and Second World Wars will include works by Paul Nash, John Lavery and Laura Knights Ruby Loftus Screwing a Breech-ring, one of the most inspiring artworks to come from the period. More contemporary works include Paul Seawrights Mounds, commissioned by IWM in 2002 to respond to the war in Afghanistan and photographs from John Keane who recorded the war in Iraq in 1991. Together, these objects reflect a century of seismic change culturally, socially and politically.

The Blavatnik Art, Film and Photography Galleries will open at IWM London on 10 November 2023.

Location: Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Rd, London SE1 6HZ, United Kingdom

Access: Open Monday to Sunday: 10am 6pm. Also open bank holidays. Closed 24 - 26 December. Free admission.

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