



## PEASANTS REVOLT

After the Black Death decimated a third of Europe's population, remaining peasants began to demand higher wages and better working conditions. The Government passed a law to limit wage increases and introduced a poll tax to continue the war with the French. Villagers from across Essex came together and 60,000 marched to London. They beheaded tax officials and burned houses where financial records were kept.

### About the Artist

#### Grover

Grover is a 34 year old trans man of Ojibwe and Odawa descent currently living on land formerly belonging to the Miami People (Southern Indiana). He believes strongly in indigenous self-determination and decolonising our lives.

### About the Artist

#### Carol Polatch

Carol has been involved in art for most of her life and was heavily influenced by her uncle, artist John O'Connor. She learned technical drawing at college whilst working at the Atomic Weapons Research Centre on Foulness Island.

## POCAHONTAS

Pocahontas was a native American woman of the Powhatan People. She was known by her tribe as 'Matoaka', which means 'Flower Between Two Streams'. She was captured and held for ransom by colonists and at the age of 19 was brought to England where she was presented as the "civilised savage". She died at the age of 21 on the return journey to Virginia, only making it as far as Gravesend in Kent.

## WINDRUSH

After World War II, the UK Government encouraged mass immigration from former colonies of the British Empire due to shortages in the labour market. Many African-Caribbean people were attracted by the perceived better prospects in the 'mother country'. On 21 June 1948, the first ship HMT Empire Windrush arrived in the UK at Tilbury Docks carrying passengers from the West Indies. A landmark in the history of modern Britain, Caribbean migrants came from countries including Jamaica, Bermuda, Trinidad and British Guiana.

### About the Artist

#### Madelaine Hanman Murphy

Madelaine is a socially engaged artist: a potter by trade, a teacher by profession and an artist by inclination. She also runs her business in the luxury gift and greeting industry.

### About the Artist

#### Scotty Brave

Scotty Brave is a visual artist working mainly in the medium of spray paint. Scotty is known for creating live pieces of street art as a performance. His work is mostly public, street or some say graffiti art.

## NEW COASTLINE

The devastating effects of climate change to coastlines and ecosystems will impact on livelihoods such as fishing and tourism. The rising sea levels are a result of huge amounts of greenhouse gases being released into the atmosphere over the past 200 years. Because of the increase in global temperatures, the ice caps in both the north and south poles are melting, causing more water to be in the oceans. It is thought that some areas of Essex along the estuary will be underwater by the year 2050.

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