## **Cross Connections – Discovering the Living Space**

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## Magdalene College, Friday 17 March 2023, 5pm



Ruth Rix, House, House, 2016, 92 x 72 cm, oil on canvas.

## Discovering the Living Space through works by artists Ruth Rix and Helga Michie

As a young girl, **Ruth Rix** was constantly on the move with her mother, the artist **Helga Michie**. Michie had come to England on a Kindertransport, escaping from Vienna and leaving behind her family including twin sister IIse Aichinger, a famous Austrian writer. Living in rented rooms in shared houses witnessing frequent comings and goings, mother and daughter heard shocking stories of the fate of family members who had stayed behind in Vienna. Rix's paintings reflect this fractured world of moving huts and see-through houses with talismans like staircases and dogs witnessing everything (https://insidersoutsidersfestival.org/filmed-interviews/)

An exploration of space, real and imagined, in times of movement and migration, Rix's work spurs connections with poetry, literature, history and music. The event encourages the audience to discover art in space, to fathom meaning through sound in a room.

The musical performance will take place in the Robert Cripps Gallery of Magdalene College. The panel discussion on the lived experience of migration and movement in Europe in this very moment includes speakers from the Centre for the Study of Global Human Movement and Jimmy's Shelter.

Musical performance, 5pm, Robert Cripps Gallery, Magdalene College Panel Discussion afterwards, Cripps Auditorium, Magdalene College Please visit our website for more information and how to get there.

