

Sonia Boyce: Devotional Collection

Since 1999, Sonia Boyce has invited the general public to add to the ever growing archive called 'The Devotional Collection'. The piece of work started off as a workshop in Liverpool, where Sonia invited a group of women to sing and reflect on their first record they ever bought.

Can you remember the first record you ever bought?

In the workshop, Sonia asked the group to name a Black British female singer. The response showed there was a lack in recognition for Black British female artist's contribution to music.

Sonia's work combines:

• **political issues** : highlighting the lack of representation of artists from marginalised communities

• **personal issues**: Sonia gives people a platform by inviting multiple voices to be heard.

The items on display are part of an ongoing collection, started over 20 years ago. The work brings together different generations of Black British female artist's in the music industry on vinyl records, cassette tapes and CD's.

How do you listen to music?

Throughout the exhibition you will see how important it is for Sonia's work to feature multiple voices; Sonia uses her platform to showcase other female artists from different ethnic, cultural and heritage backgrounds.

Pyrite: Can you notice the pyrite in the room?

The gold structures which the objects are sitting on are known as Pyrite. It's a mineral that forms the basis of most of our metals but it is undervalued as '**fools gold**'.

Could Sonia be using this reference to highlight how Black British female artist's are valued?

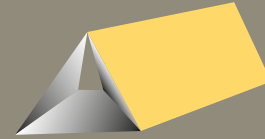


Treasure Hunt

Head to the Clore Learning room to gather your materials to help you seek out the hidden gems in Sonia's Exhibition.

Make a **Kaleidoscope** out of 3 simple materials : Card, tin foil and tape. Use it as your view finder to spot the hidden gems.

Once created it should look similar to this



Have you spotted all 5 singers in the exhibition? Can you see they all have a colour theme? Below match the colours to the names of the singers.

•Tanita



•Poppy



•Sofia



•Jacqui



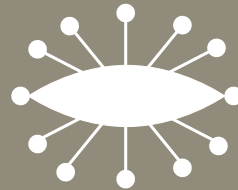
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In the devotional room:

•Can you spot the cassette tape?

•Locate the album that has this shape?

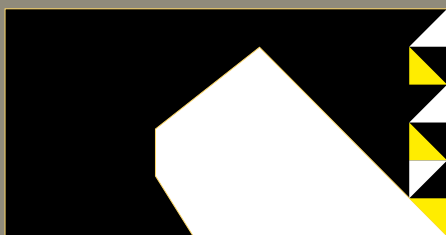


•Can you spot yourself in the wallpaper?

Patterns

Sonia's wallpapers are full of patterns and you may think that every room is the same. Take a closer look at each room and notice the subtle changes between the colours, textures and shapes.

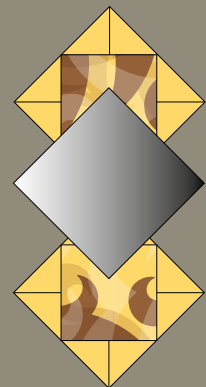
Can you spot these pattern blocks:



Poppy's room



Tanita's room



Devotional room

