

LUCY SPARROW PRESENTS THE BOURDON STREET CHIPPY 1 AUGUST – 14 SEPTEMBER 2025 LYNDSEY INGRAM GALLERY, LONDON

*** MEDIA PREVIEW WEDNESDAY 30 JULY (11am - 4pm)***

Renowned British artist Lucy Sparrow will unveil her latest large-scale exhibition on 01 August: an interactive, hand-stitched fish and chip shop in the heart of London. Located at Mayfair's Lyndsey Ingram Gallery, *The Bourdon Street Chippy* will open for six weeks, inviting visitors into a nostalgic, tactile reimagining of one of Britain's most beloved culinary institutions. The opening marks the artist's return to both the UK and to the Lyndsey Ingram Gallery, following Sparrow's highly successful 2021 exhibition, *The Bourdon Street Chemist.*



Lucy Sparrow, 2025

Over more than a decade, Lucy has travelled the world, creating life-sized versions of everyday spaces – from corner shops to supermarkets, New York bodegas to pharmacies - each one a fully immersive installation complete with thousands of artworks, all meticulously handcrafted from felt and available to buy directly from the artist. As much theatre as art, the familiarity of each of these spaces disarms the viewer, taking them to a playful, often nostalgic place.

Inside *The Bourdon Street Chippy*, visitors will be transported to their local fish and chip shop, where they can order their regular Friday night supper, all served across a traditional counter created in fabric. While relaxing on the hand-made banquette seating, they can enjoy the walls filled with felted menus, shop signs and even a gallery of sewn portraits of the chippy's famous former patrons. The exhibit will feature over 65,000 individually hand-crafted felt pieces and with signature attention to detail, Lucy has even meticulously created 15 distinct chip shapes in five different colours.

Lyndsey Ingram comments: "We are excited to welcome Lucy Sparrow back to Bourdon Street for another of her felt creations - blurring the lines between performance and installation art, all in her distinctive felt language. Lucy is one of the most important and meaningful artists of her generation. I am pleased and proud that my gallery will again be a platform for her brilliant work."



Lucy Sparrow, 2025

In June 2025, Lucy revealed that she has struggled with anorexia since her teens. Now in recovery, she has reflected on how this has shaped her artistic process. She comments; "My relationship with food has always influenced my art - the two are inextricably linked. Over time, I came to understand that my practice had become a way to manage difficult emotions. Art is both my outlet and my motivation to stay well."

Lucy is proud to open *The Bourdon Street Chippy* to the public every Wednesday-Sunday between 01 August and 14 September 2025, plus Bank Holiday Monday 25 August. Lucy will be in the exhibition daily and it is free to visit.

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The Bourdon Street Chemist, 2021

Lucy Sparrow presents The Bourdon Street Chippy at Lyndsey Ingram Gallery

20 Bourdon Street London W1K 3PL | 0207 629 8849 Media Preview : Wednesday, 30 July 2025 Public Opening : Friday 1 August - 14 September 2025

Hours: Open Wednesday – Sunday, 11am – 6pm plus August Bank Holiday Monday (25 August)

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