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Nightcleaners Part I: A woman's work - Film Screening and panel discussion

Date: **Thursday 12 March 2009**

Time: **6.30-9.00 pm**

Venue: **Area 10 Project Space, Eagle Wharf, Peckham Hill Street, London SE15 5JT**

Price: **FREE** (booking essential)

This event is part of Celebrating Women in Southwark, and starts with a public screening of *Nightcleaners: Part 1*, a rarely seen experimental film from 1972 by the Berwick Street Collective (Marc Karlin, Mary Kelly, James Scott and Humphry Trevelyan).

Nightcleaners Part 1 was a documentary made by members of the Berwick Street Collective. The film charts the campaign to unionize the women who cleaned office blocks at night and who were being victimized and underpaid. Intending at the outset to make a campaign film, the Collective was forced to turn to new forms in order to represent the forces at work between the cleaners, the Cleaner's Action Group and the unions - and the complex nature of the campaign itself. The result was an intensely self-reflexive film, which implicated both the filmmakers and the audience in the processes of precarious, invisible labour. It is increasingly recognised as a key work of the 1970s and as an important precursor, in both subject matter and form, to current political art practice.

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with film co-director Humphry Trevelyan, and people currently involved in researching and campaigning for better working conditions for night cleaners.

This event is organised and hosted by Ana Laura Lopez de la Torre, the current holder of the Southwark Studio Residency, an award supported by ACME Studios, Southwark Council and the South London Gallery. The event is the last public event of her residency, and it is funded by Peckham Programme for Celebrating Women 2009.

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