



Beatty Holmes 2012

Hello friends, Beatty here.

I wanted to put forward a proposal for your consideration for your open house this year.

WELCOME MAT

I will stand at the open door to your house and say 'welcome' to everyone who enters for one day (12-6) of the open house.

① I want to do something simple and joyous, acknowledging what an open and brave thing it is to open your home to the public.

To carry out a courtesy, acknowledging the exchange: the expectations of the visitor and the resident.

② To instigate conversations - a starting point. If visitors respond, I will engage in chat, or answer questions.

I will stay at the door throughout, bringing all that I need with me.

I would prefer to make a distinct appearance from the performance day: perhaps the 13 or 20 May.

THRESHOLD JANVS LIMINAL

As apparent host for 42 HENDON STREET I am interested in taking responsibility for making someone else feel 'at home'. Who's place is it to offer hospitality and make others feel at ease? How will others react? The service role I provide is open to imposition: a mat is treaded on. Friendliness and generosity can be met by suspicion - does the open house format override this?

CONCIERGE SENTRY BELLBOY

If you think this piece might work for you, I would prefer that it were not announced. Please post to your blog after it has happened if you like. The surprise encounter, with good intentions, is key to my work and not a performed event to be anticipated. I will be learning through being there, thinking on my feet. Also, perhaps we could work together on any documentation? Photos may be a useful indication of how the work unfolded, or text might be clearer. I want an onlooker to think 'I could have done that!'