STEPHEN FRIEDMAN GALLERY

SUMMER BREEZE

Wednesday 11 August - Saturday 11 September 2021

Evelyne Axell, Jonathan Baldock, Manuel Espinosa, Tom Friedman, Channing Hansen, Jim Hodges, Beatriz Milhazes, David Shrigley 'Summer Breeze' is an online exhibition of works that capture the season's spirit through vibrant colours, dynamic formal structures and whimsical motifs. The presentation brings together recent and historical works in a diverse range of media including painting, textile, ceramics, and printmaking.

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Evelyne Axell

L'Herbe Folle (The Mad Forest), 1972 Signed and dated on lower right corner Enamel on plexi glass, formica 74.5 x 95.5cm (29 3/8 x 37 1/4in) (AXELL 1) View detail



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Maske LXXII, 2020 Ceramic 32 x 25 x 2.8cm (12 5/8 x 9 7/8 x 1 1/8in) (BALD 172) View detail



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Mask LII, 2018 Ceramic 37.5 x 27.5 x 4cm (14 3/4 x 10 7/8 x 1 5/8in) (BALD 88) View detail



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View detail

Pimenta vermelha (Red Pepper), 2009 Triptych: woodblock and screenprint

80 x 40cm, 80 x 40cm and 80 x 80cm (31 1/2 x 15 3/4in, 31 1/2

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Canela (Cinnamon), 2009 Woodblock, woodcut and screenprint 80 x 160cm (31 1/2 x 63in) Framed: 97 x 177cm (38 3/8 x 67in) Edition 12 of 40 (MIL 94)



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Açúcar (Sugar), 2009 Woodblock and screenprint 80 x 120cm (31 1/2 x 47 1/4in) Framed: 96.5 x 136.5cm (38 x 53 3/4in) Edition 12 of 40 (MIL 95)



David Shrigley

View detail

Untitled, 2020 Acrylic on paper 76 x 56cm (30 x 22in) Framed: 82 x 62cm (32 1/4 x 24 1/2in) (SHRIG 4357)



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Untitled, 2018

Poster pen and screen print on paper 76 x 56cm (30 x 22in)

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Signed and dated on lower right corner Enamel on plexi glass, formica 74.5 x 95.5cm (29 3/8 x 37 1/4in) (AXELL 1)

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Description

Evelyne Axell (b.1935 in Belgium) is best known for her psychedelic, erotic paintings of female nudes and self-portraits on plexiglas that blend the hedonistic and Pop impulses of the 1960s.

L'Herbe Folle (The Mad Forest), the final painting executed by Axell prior to her death, is a graphic and direct work depicting a reclining voluptuous female nude set against a backdrop of flame-like tropical foliage. The pronounced figure is painted in a sexy reddish orange and the

lines are smooth and organic. In contrast, the tropical foliage contains strong verticals that are magically worked in two cool shades of blue, with a muted green sky above. The juxtaposition of tones and shapes creates a rhythmic harmony while simultaneously enhancing the subtle eroticism prevalent in her work. Here, the masculine viewpoint and conception of object and subject is subverted. The female figure stretches out unapologetically. Sunbathing and daydreaming in the heat of the sun she is presented as confident, desirable and completely in control of her desire.

Seen within the context of Modernism, Axell's views challenge the paradigm of woman as territory to be colonised or a willing subject of male fantasy. Axell employs a rich palette and vibrance to echo themes of female identity and experience.

Provenance

Broadway 1602, New York, acquired directly from the artist

Exhibitions

Switzerland, Museum Susch, 'Evelyne Axell: Body Double', 1 August - 31 May 2021

'Axell's Paradise, Last works (1971-72) before she vanished', Broadway 1602 Gallery, New York (October 2 - December 19 2009)

'Evelyne Axell en de jaren zestig', Provinciaal Museum voor Moderne Kunst, Oostende (7 August - 26 September 1999)

'Evelyne Axell', Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels (11 March - 18 June 1978)

Literature

'Axelleration: Evelyne Axell 1964-1972' Museum Abteiberg, Lannoo, 2012 (pp.75)



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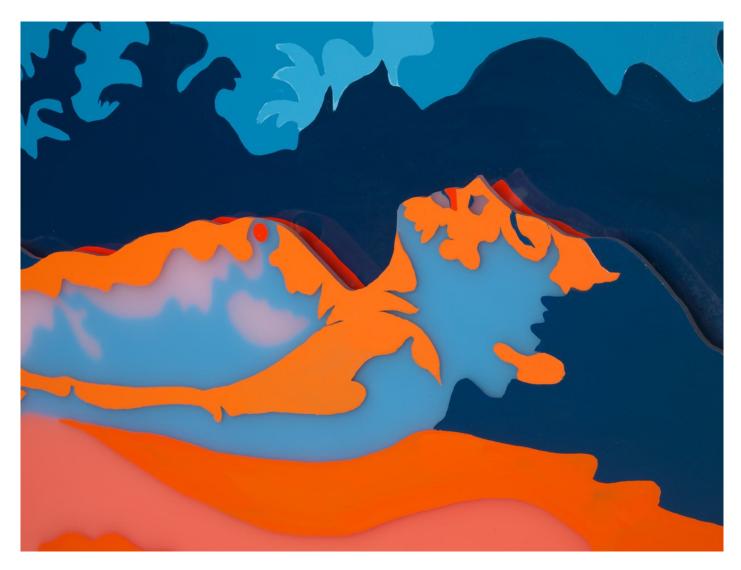


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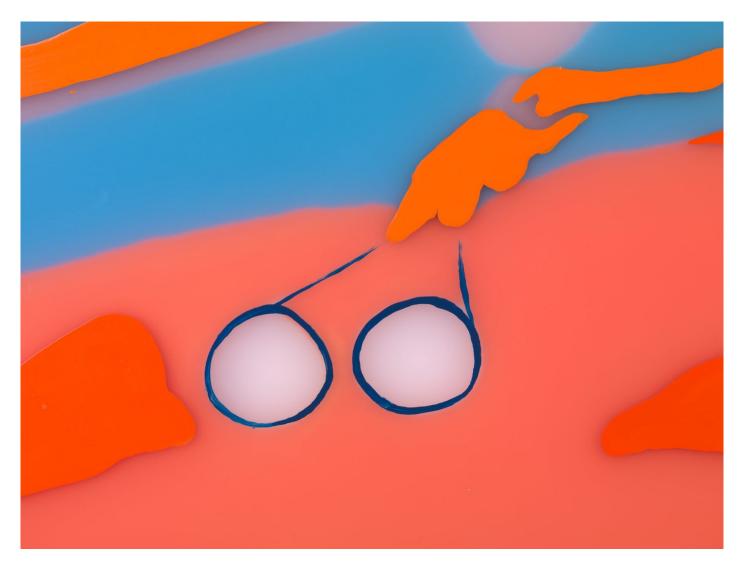


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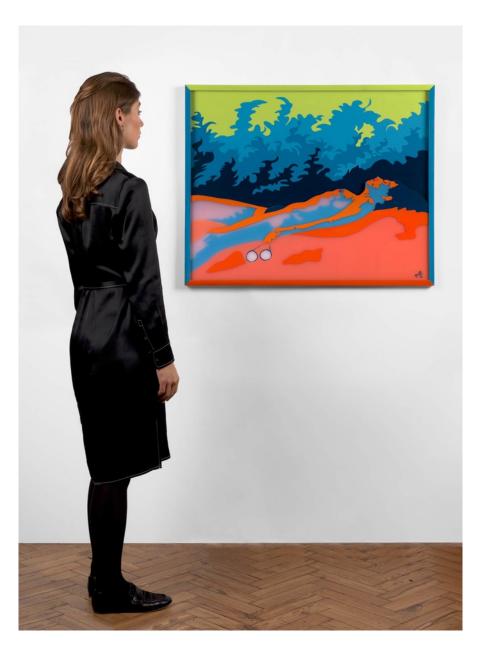


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Ceramic 32 x 25 x 2.8cm (12 5/8 x 9 7/8 x 1 1/8in) (BALD 172)

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Description

Jonathan Baldock's work is saturated with humour and wit, as well as an uncanny, macabre quality that channels the artist's long-standing interest in myth and folklore. 'Maske LXXII' is a recent work that continues the series of ceramic masks created for the British artist's first solo exhibition, 'Personae', at Stephen Friedman Gallery in September 2019. Invested with a performative quality echoed in the title of the exhibition, the works invoke the theatrical mask and the psychological potency of hiding and revealing different aspects of one's identity. With its incisions and abstract

protuberances only hinting at physiognomic features, 'Maske LXXII' evokes the ocular trickery of pareidolia, a psychological phenomenon that causes people to see faces in inanimate objects.

This body of work stems from Baldock's residency at Camden Arts Centre, London as part of the Freelands Lomax Ceramics Fellowship in 2018, which resulted in a solo exhibition 'Facecrime' at the institution in early 2019 that subsequently travelled to Tramway, Glasgow and Bluecoat, Liverpool. Baldock's research included studying the British Museum's collection of Mesopotamian clay tablets, which trace the linguistic evolution of pictograms into cuneiform script, the world's oldest writing system. Inspired by these ancient modes of communication, the artist plays with clay's potential to communicate forms of meaning that evade verbal articulation.

Exhibitions

Eastbourne, Towner Art Gallery, 'Towner International', 6 October 2020 - 11 April 2021



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Lithographic ink on satin 20 x 20cm (7 7/8 x 7 7/8in) (ESPIN 133)

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forward-thinking practice and multi-divergent interests ranging from mechanics to jazz and literature.

Espinosa was born in 1912 in Buenos Aires, Argentina and died in 2006. Line, colour and the optical sensations of movement and light are the primary characteristics of his paintings and works on paper. Espinosa was a leading protagonist in the history of Argentine Modernism. In 1943, the artist met Joaquín Torres-García, the founder of Constructive Universalism. This meeting had a profound effect on his approach to painting. Two years later, he co-founded the Asociación Arte Concreto-Invencion with Tomás Maldonado, Alfredo Hlito and Raúl Lozza in Buenos Aires. Harnessing a certain post-war optimism, the group stopped painting from life and instead focused on geometry, abstraction and the primacy of the picture plane as a self-contained entity.

Provenance

The Estate of Manuel Espinosa



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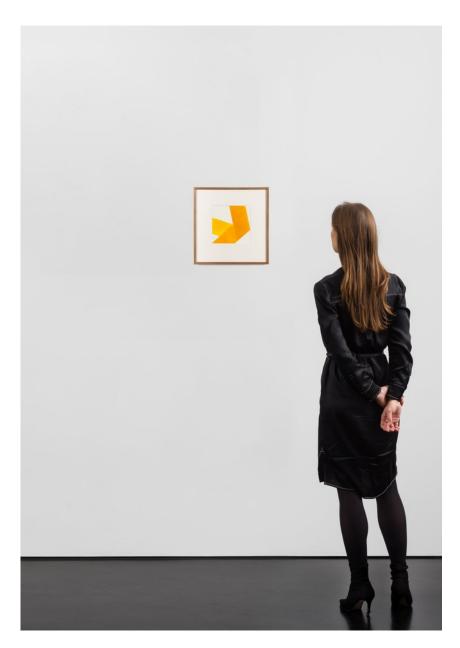


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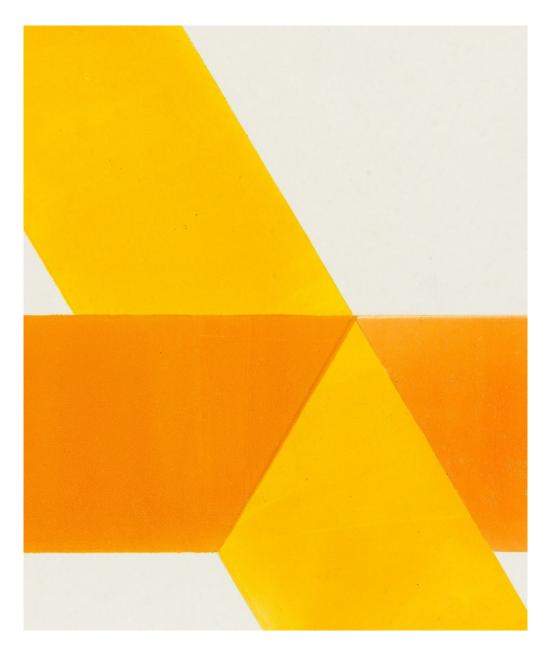


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Description

Tom Friedman's work has the uncanny ability to imbue everyday, domestic objects and materials with wonder and awe. 'Balloon' captures the whimsical exploration at the heart of the artist's practice. In this drawing, Friedman enlarged an image of a pink balloon from his sketchbook and recreated it in photorealistic detail using coloured pencil. The graphite shading and wrinkled paper at the lower part of the drawing alludes to the

peaks of a mountain range. Yet here the pink balloon itself remains irresolutely intangible. Friedman's drawings frequently mirror the wit and material complexity that characterises his sculptural works.

Exhibitions

London, Stephen Friedman Gallery, 'Always the Beginning', 2 October - 3 November 2018



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Hand spun, hand dyed wool and redwood 96.5 x 150cm (38 x 59 1/8in) (HANS 6)

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Description

The composition, colour, and stitch of '12-Manifold', by Channing Hansen, is determined by a computer algorithm. Revealing Hansen's belief in hand made process alongside advanced computer science, Hansen conceives of these works as 'fractal collages' merging mathematical and natural phenomena. In '12-Manifold' a series of vivid colour forms including luminous yellows and purples are stitched together in a configuration that is at once pre-determined by an algorithm, but also suggestive of a tension between abstraction and figuration, rewarding a viewer's prolonged attention.

Inspired in part by artist Alberto Burri, who was influenced by his experience as a surgeon, Hansen explains that 'the construction of these works is partly based on surgery theory, which is akin to collage in higher dimensional space. It involves cutting and pasting and swapping various parts of a topological surface called a 'manifold.' The artist is intimately involved with each step; from acquiring the raw fleece, to dyeing the fibre, to spinning the yarn (a complex mixture of wool, alpaca, silk, mohair and, in some cases, holographic polymers), to knitting and stretching the textiles over frames. In addition to Hansen's deep knowledge of his materials, the artist brings his longstanding engagement with technology to bear on his work.



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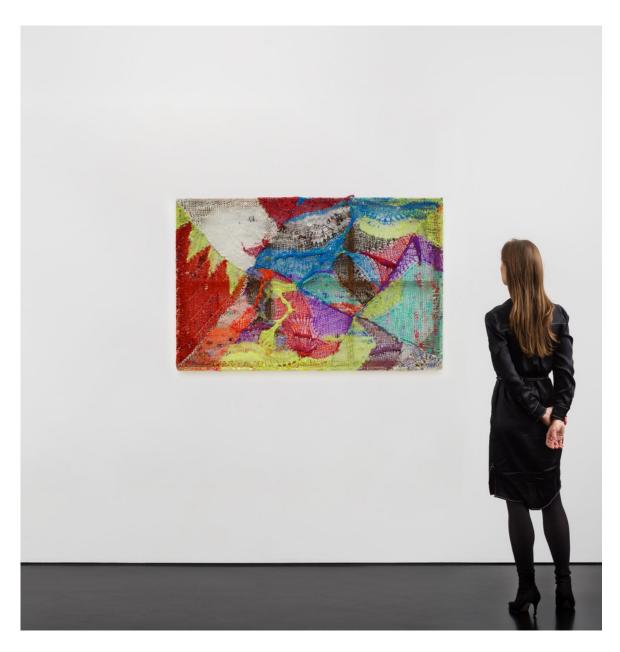


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Acrylic on linen panel 76.2 x 57.2cm (30 x 22 1/2in) (HOD 244)

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Description

A radiant painting from a recent series by American artist Jim Hodges, 'Shimmers' offers poignant musings on the beauty of nature and seasonal changes. Hodges' practice explores themes of fragility, temporality and love in a highly original and poetic vocabulary. Whether comprised of materials such as curtains woven from artificial silk flowers, metal chains, glass, or created using saliva to generate ink transfer impressions onto paper, Hodges' works are inhabited by the presence of the body. Incorporated in his choice of media is a narrative of the human experience, the

ebb and flow of life that affects us all.

Hodges' brushwork in this painting is varied and complex: delicate dots and lines overlay gestural brushstrokes. Bright yellow daubs glow behind hazy swirls. Areas of thick impasto reveal the tactile nature of the artist's process and give the work a transformative and magical quality. The viewer's experience of the work is the defining feature of Hodges' practice. He describes this as "...the potential and fullness of experience, the limitlessness of things ... mind, body, colour, space, proximity, distance, memory, psyche, and spirit".



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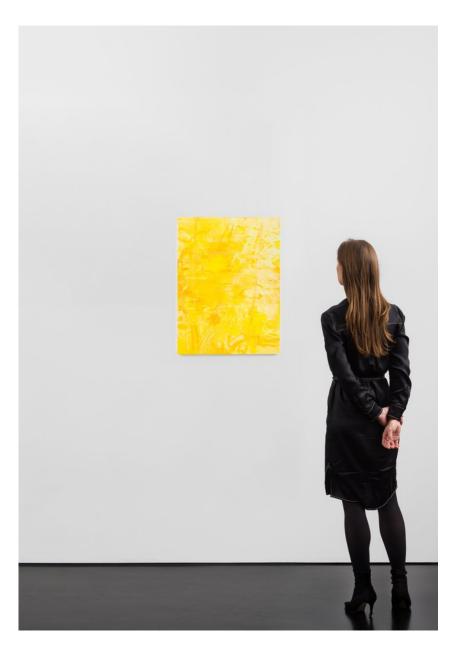
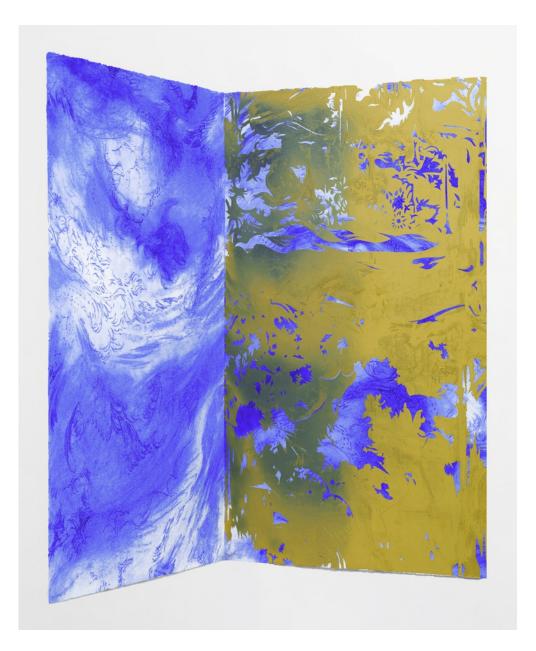


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Colour screen print with hand applied 24k gold leaf 2 sheets 77.5 x 51.4cm (30 1/2 x 20 1/4in) each Unique in a series of 20 (HOD 70)

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Description

Transformative powers are at work in Jim Hodges's 'a passing gate (for Meredith)', part of a series of works which were made in honour of Meredith Monk, an American composer, singer and artist who founded The House Foundation. This work features two identically sized sheets of paper placed at a 90-degree angle to one another. Intended to hang in a corner, Hodges integrates the work into the surrounding space and

conveys an added architectural and sculptural dynamic.

The diptych evokes an ethereal inky blue sky of billowing white clouds. The right sheet of paper reveals a delicate and beautiful landscape of flowers and trees, rendered in 24k gold leaf. The gold layering creates a theatrical impression of a shadow of light passing over clouds. Unfurling and bursting forth, the delicate, glistening surface catches the light to reveal areas of rich blue; the contrast forming an overall illusion of an almost otherworldly place. It is this precision and choreographed craftsmanship which verifies the poetic alchemy of the artist's touch.

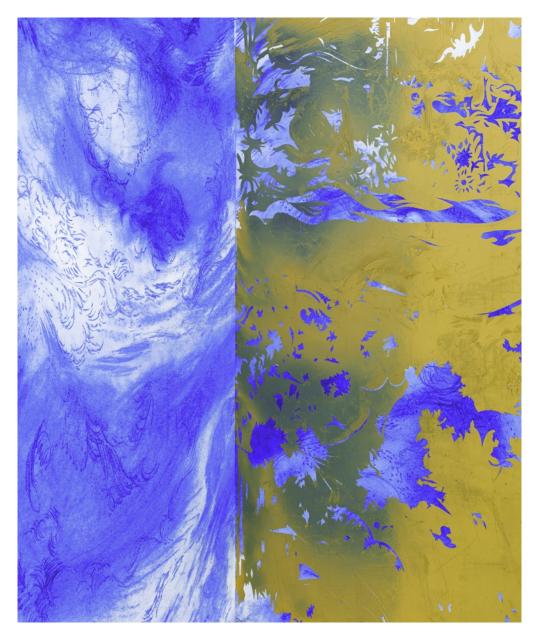


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Triptych: woodblock and screenprint

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'Sal (Salt)' is part of 'Gold Rose', a series of four print editions by Durham Press, Pennsylvania. The four editions – Salt, Cinnamon, Red Pepper and Sugar include Milhazes's first diptych and triptych, and combine woodblock, woodcut and silkscreen techniques. Milhazes's methodical working process contrasts with the experience of this edition. Her carefully constructed designs appear immediate and spontaneous, existing in a state of tension between colour and density, figurative motifs and abstraction.



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Description

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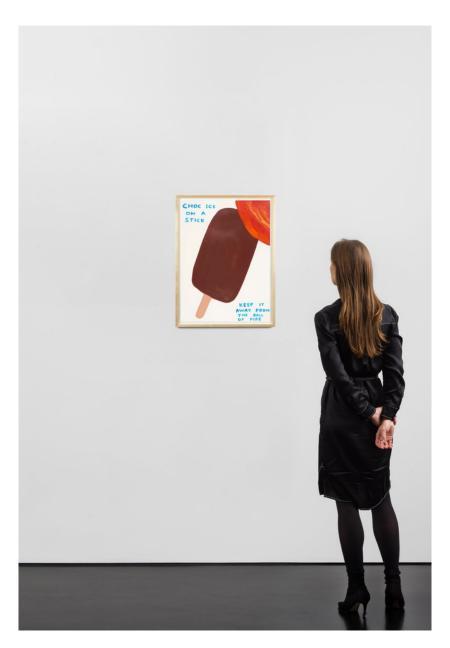


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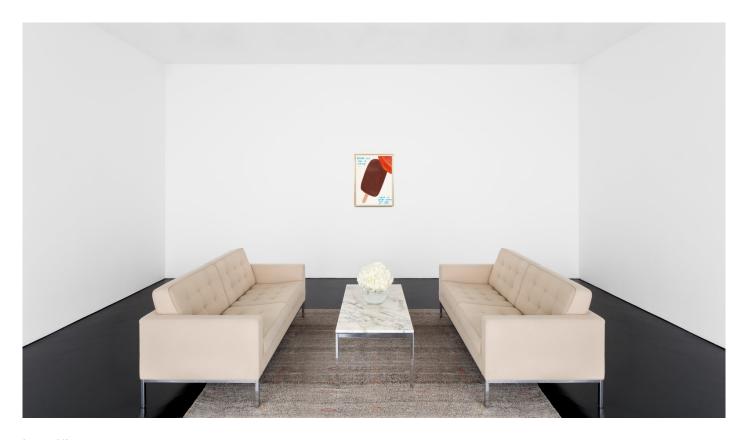


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Poster pen and screen print on paper 76 x 56cm (30 x 22in)
Framed: 82 x 62cm (32 1/4 x 24 1/2in) (SHRIG 3100)

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Description

'Untitled' is part of a series of works on paper by British artist David Shrigley that features proclamatory headlines redolent of those traditionally displayed outside newsagents. In co-opting the format of newspaper headlines and replacing the typically informative text with amusing, deadpan statements, Shrigley's news flashes contradict their own presumed credibility.

Shrigley is best known for his distinctive drawing style and creates works that offer satirical commentary on everyday situations and human interactions. His quick-witted drawings and hand-rendered texts are typically deadpan in their humour and explore the absurdities of everyday life. Characteristically tongue-in-cheek, these works keep the viewer updated with the artist's absurd 'news', whilst also giving a nod to the oversaturated nature of the media.



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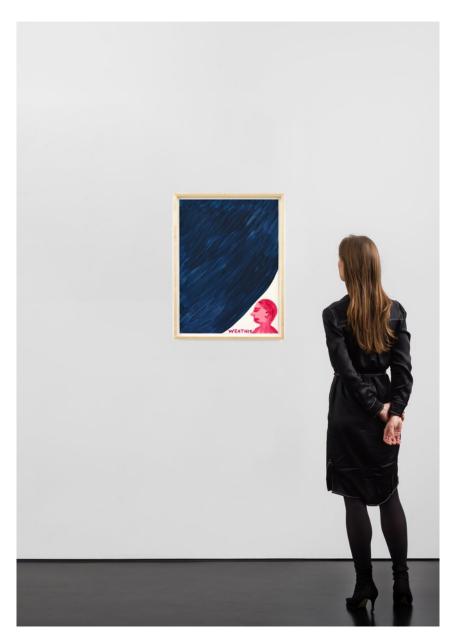


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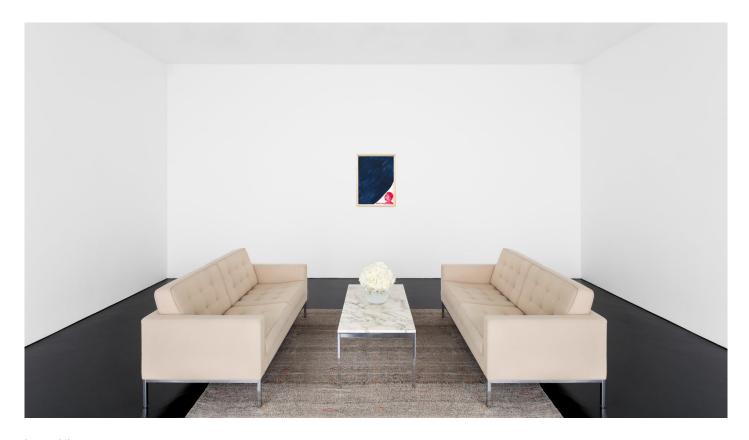


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