

MERCHBAU

GUEST CURATORS: Tom Cardwell & Juan Bolivar
14 December – 22 December 2023

Where merch becomes art and art becomes merch

Merchbau presents a selection of artworks and artist's multiples as an exploration of the intersection between artwork, merchandise, spectacle and gallery. The title references Kurt Schwitters' *Merzbau*, an evolving installation packed with sculptures that itself became a total artwork, before it was destroyed by bombing in 1943.

Merch stands are a common fixture at gigs and form a key part of metal music culture. Fans collect merch to show their allegiances, and merch sales are an important income stream for musicians following the decline in sales of recorded music.

Like *merz*, merch is all around us, it's the stuff of life that commemorates our existence. Like art, merch is sold and collected. Raising revenue and bolstering support for artists.

The artworks in this show offer connections to metal culture through iconography that charts the human condition, and through the mercantile ritual of the merch stand. The gallery will be transformed into the *Merchbau*, an immersive environment of art and metal.

Merchbau presents artworks-as-merch, a selection of unique works as well as limited-edition multiples, from paintings to patches, from t-shirts to prints.



OHS Projects is a nomadic project space, conceived in 2021 by Henry Hussey and Sophia Olver from the desire to create tactile conversations between artists and spaces. OHS Projects is a collage of ideas explored through the artists we work with and the dialogues that emerge between their processes. Our curatorial approach is an expansion of our co-founder Henry Hussey's fine art practice which draws on ancient mythology and symbolism to decode the paradoxes and inner struggles of modern life.

OHS Projects has galleries in central and south London. The central location is on New Oxford Street - a former restaurant, appropriated and transformed to present art. The south location is at Peckham Arches, a Victorian railway arch in the centre of Peckham Rye, and is currently hosting 'ohsh open' which invites OHS exhibited artists to curate exhibitions aligned with the OHS curatorial ethos.

OHS PROJECTS

CENTRAL: WC1A 1H

SOUTH: SE15

14.12.23 – 22.12.23

PV: Thursday 14 Dec | 6PM - 9PM

Open Friday -Saturday 2PM-8PM

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ARTWORKS:



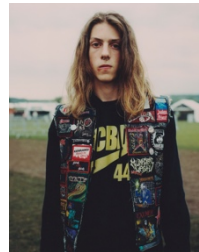
Juan Bolivar
Marshall
Acrylic on canvas
36 x 36 cm
2017
£1200



Juan Bolivar
Albers
Acrylic on canvas
62 x 62 cm
2018
£2500



Sue Webster
The Helter Skelter Jacket
Hand painted leather jacket
74 x 54 cm
2019
NFS



Jon Cardwell
Metal Fan at Bloodstock Festival
Giclee print on Hahnemuhle photo rag – edition of 15
40 x 30”
2016
£350



John Stark
Nolite Timere
Oil on wood
50 x 40 cm
2022
£6000



Karen David
Viable Essence
Neon sign
NFS



S Mark Gubb
(Metal) Saves From Hell
A2 Print (unlimited edition)
£25



Mark Titchner
A Study of O (Gold)
Carved, burnt wood and imitation gold leaf
40 x 40 cm
2014
£3500



Karen David
I Want to Believe XXV
Embroidery
13 x 10 cm
£550



Mark Titchner
A Study of O (Silver)
Carved, burnt wood and aluminium leaf
40 x 40 cm
2014
£3500



Karen David
Me as Swamp Thing
Pearlescent photographic print on aluminium
15 x 15 cm
£350



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Tom Cardwell
Kunstkammer II (Burnout)
Custom printed patches on denim jacket
2018
£1500



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Kunstkammer II
Custom printed patches on denim jacket
2018
£1500



Tom Cardwell
AC/DC
Oil on linen
80 x 61 cm
2018
£2000



Mark Titchner
And Yet It Moves!
Poster (signed)
£10



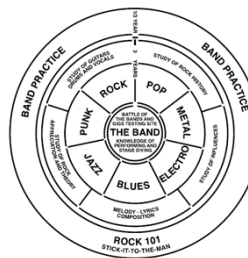
S Mark Gubb
History is Written by the Winners
Hatch show print 34 x 57cm
Edition of 50 (signed)
£30



S Mark Gubb
Four Horsemen Balloons (War, Famine, Conquest, Death)
Set of four
Edition of 15
£10 each, £30 for set of four



Nicky Carvell
Hexel Facade
Printed mat
£550



Juan Bolivar
School of Rock
Giclee print on bamboo paper
42 x 30 cm
Edition of 20
£125 (unframed)



Tom Cardwell
Vikings and Lionhearts (left)
Kulturgeist 5 (right, draped)
Digital print on fabric
340 x 190 cm each
2023
£1500

