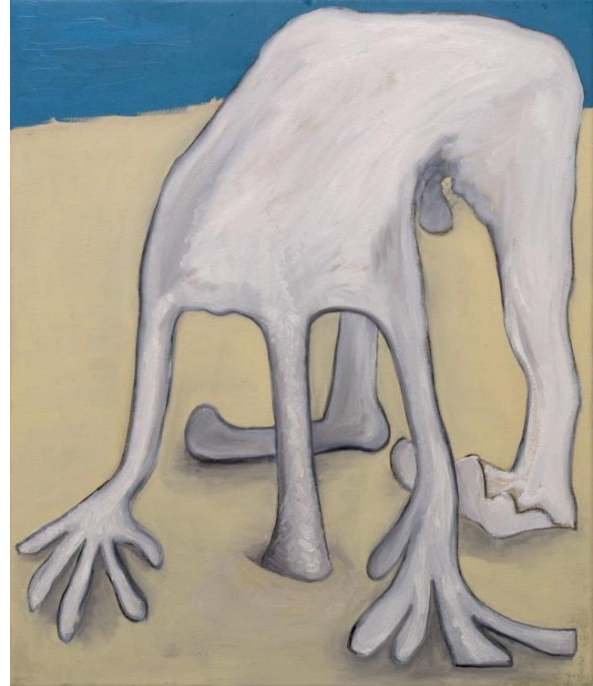


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2018 Bow Open Show exhibition
Invitation to a Rave by Mark Titchner line-up announced,
 with works exploring power struggles and nationhood



Images, from left: Hun Kyu Kim *A crown for the king*; Will Reid *Head in the sand (I can't look anymore)*

Private View: Thursday 5 July 2018 (6-9pm)

Invitation to a Rave by Mark Titchner: 6 July – 26 August 2018

24 artists have been selected by Mark Titchner for this year's highly anticipated Bow Open Show, which presents a curated selection of the charity's studio and education artists annually. With over 500 artists across Bow Arts' 13 London studio sites, the exhibition is a celebration of some of the most exciting artists working in London today.

Titchner – who is known for his attention-grabbing quasi-slogans, such as I WANT A BETTER WORLD, I WANT A BETTER ME – has made a selection that vibrates with a call to action, with artworks that grapple with very current issues. The public mood of escapism is embodied in Will Reid's milky bloodless character in *Head in the sand (I can't look anymore)*, while Marcus Orlandi's *Everything is Bloody Awful So I Made You this Hapless Rainbow* colours feelings of helplessness with nostalgic rainbows of paper-mâché. *Invitation to a Rave* – the title borrowed from exhibiting artist Lena Brazin's brilliant oil painting – features painting, photography and sculpture and is not to be missed.

Exhibiting artists: Miraj Ahmed, Nitin Amin, Kay Bainbridge, Martin Barrett, Diann Bauer Helen Bermingham, Lena Brazin, Alice Browne, Victoria Burgher, Age Creation, Franco Di Cesare, Jessica Jane Charleston, Mina Kamante, Hun Kyu Kim, Sarah Lang, Marcus Orlandi, Justin Pearce, Katarzyna Perlak, Will Reid, Hannah Thual, Geoff Titley, Antonietta Torsiello, Jaime Valtierra and Sam Wood.

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Notes to editors

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Private view: Thurs 5 July 2018, 6-9pm

Dates: 6 July – 26 August 2017

Address: Nunnery Gallery, 181 Bow Road, London E3 2SJ

Opening Hours: Tues to Sun, 10am – 5pm **Admission:** Free

Website: www.bowarts.org/nunnery **Telephone:** +44 (0) 20 8980 7774 **Travel:** Bow Road Tube Station, Bow Church DLR

About Mark Titchner

Spanning a number of media including digital print, wall drawing, video, sculpture and in his installations Titchner often employs motifs taken from advertising, religious iconography, club flyers, trade union banners, prog rock and political propaganda. Titchner has presented solo shows at Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Focal Point Gallery, Art House Foundation, BALTIC Gateshead, Vilma Gold and Arnolfini, for which he was nominated for the Turner Prize in 2006.

Bow Arts

Bow Arts Trust was established as an educational arts charity in 1995 and supports a community of over 500 artists with affordable, secure and creative workspaces. Bow Arts also runs the Nunnery Gallery, a contemporary art space which supports a diverse range of local, national and international exhibitions and events.

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