


# LITTLE HOUSE MAYFAIR

SOHO HOUSE
ART COLLECTION



**Introduction by Kate Bryan**,
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Little House Mayfair was refreshed with a new collection within a collection in Spring 2026, and it takes the theme of "artists on artists". Picasso is quoted as saying "good artists borrow, great artists steal." Whether thieving or borrowing, having a lively and complex relationship with artists is a source of endless inspiration. Including nearly 50 pieces, the collection presents a combination of self-portraits and works that reference other artists either directly or more obliquely.

The first work acquired for the collection was Paulina Olowska's painting, a portrait of the American sculptor Louise Nevelson in front of Nevelson's large-scale sculpture. This painting is part of an ongoing excavation by Olowska to look again at stories of art, placing sidelined figures center stage. Tim Braden also pays homage to a great woman artist of the twentieth century with his portrait, also evolved from a photograph, of the German Jewish artist Anni Albers. Braden depicts her at Teotihuacan. She is about to embark on climbing the temple, the stairs of which are colourfully painted by Braden in an homage to Anni Albers' distinctive textile and print work.

These imaginary dialogues with artists of the past contrast with Johnnie Shand Kydd's photographic portrait of his friend, the British artist Damien Hirst. A young Hirst stands in a field, and is conceptually shown with his artwork – the grazing cows bring to mind his formaldehyde sculptures, which included cows. Another photographic work portraying an artist who emerged during the same period as Damien Hirst is Mary McCartney's portrait of Tracey Emin. McCartney posed Emin in the guise of another great woman artist who explored expression and personal pain in her paintings, the Mexican icon Frida Kahlo.

The collection also includes Tracey Emin's own work, an early monoprint dating from 2006. Titled 'Self Portrait as a Cat,' it shows us the artist evading her own likeness and instead showing her animal altar-ego. The same approach is taken in David Shrigley's self-portrait, the text of which reads, "This is me. This is what I look like," and portrays a dog. Taking the opposite approach is Chantal Joffe, whose unflinching self portrait from 2022 tackles her own face in her typically uncompromising style. Lucy Whitehead also takes a close-cropped composition for her self portrait but adopts the style of Rembrandt.

Like Whitehead, several other young artists in the collection refer to historic artists, demonstrating that Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque art remains a vital source of inspiration. Nick Jensen's small painting borrows from a Fra Angelico painting he recently visited in Florence. Glen Pudvine's contemporary painting has the oldest references of all, juxtaposing 40,000-year-old cave painting hand prints with Baroque Italian sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini's hands squeezing flesh.

More abstract in their references and indeed style are the two largest works in the collection. Idris Khan's 'After the reflection (Pale violet)' is borrowed from one of the eight murals in Claude Monet's suite of water lilies at the Musée de l'Orangerie in Paris. Khan extracted and distilled each of the painting's colours and created a soundscape of the paint's gradations using a synthesizer. Also inspired by an artist working at the turn of the last century is the abstract painter Jo Dennis. She describes the experience of creating this large work as almost having Gustav Klimt in the studio with her while she worked. Like the other artists selected here, the ghosts of artists past are never far away.



**Full list of Collection artists:**

Tim Braden
Lisa Brice
Christabel Blackburn
Morag Caister
Tom Croft
Maurizio Cattelan
Frances Costelloe
Jesse Darling
Jo Dennis
Gabriele De Santis
Amie Dicke
Elmgreen and Dragset
Tracey Emin
Camila Oliveira Fairclough
Hester Finch
Ryan Gander
Aimeé García
Catherine Goodman
Penny Goring
Maggi Hambling
Celia Hempton
Curtis Holder
Nick Jensen
Chantal Joffe
JR
Idris Khan
David Lock
Soozy Lispey
Hugh Mendes
Mary McCartney
Jonathan Monk
Paulina Olowska
Cece Phillips
Glen Pudvine
Hannah Quinlan
and Rosie Hastings
Magali Reus
Cat Roissetter
Jakob Rowlinson
Prem Sahib
Coumba Samba
Johnnie Shand Kydd
Tai-Shan Schierenberg
Corbin Shaw
David Shrigley
Gina Soden
Laila Tara H
Gavin Turk
Julie Verhoeven
Lucy Whitehead

Left: Artwork by JR in
Little House Mayfair

Ground Floor

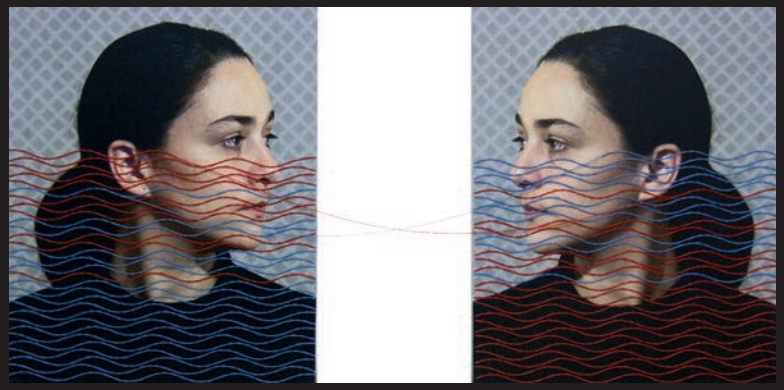
**Bar**

Artists

**1. Aimeé García**

**2 & 3. Hannah Quinlan and Rosie Hastings**

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Ground Floor
**Dining Room,**
**Left Wall**

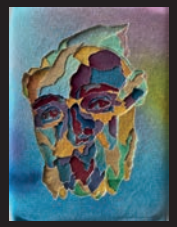
Artists

**1. Corbin Shaw**
**2. Tim Shaw**
**3. Jesse Darling**
**4. Julie Verhoeven**
**5. Cat Roissetter**
**6. David Shrigley**

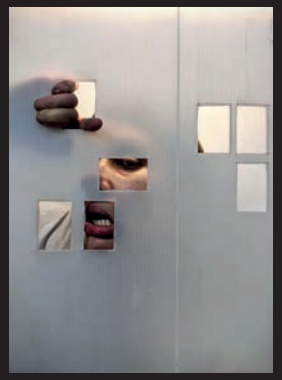
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Ground Floor
**Dining Room,**
**Left Wall**

Artists

**7. Hester Finch**
**8. Magali Reus**
**9. Hester Finch**
**10. Magali Reus**
**11. Morag Caister**
**12. Maggi Hambling**
**13 & 14. Cece Phillips**

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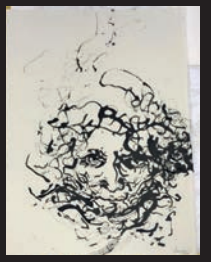
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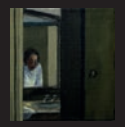
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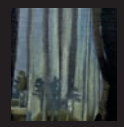
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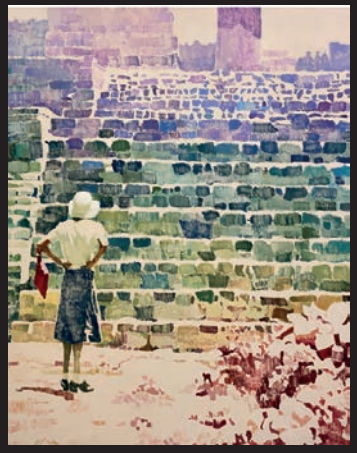
Ground Floor
**Dining Room,**
**Left Wall**

Artists
**15. Johnnie Shand Kydd**
**16. Tim Braden**
**17. Tai-Shan Schierenberg**
**18. Gabriele De Santis**

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Ground Floor

**Dining Room,**
**Back Wall**

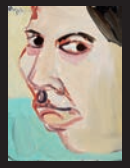
Artists

**1. Camila Oliveira Fairclough**
**2. Chantal Joffe**
**3. Penny Goring**
**4. Amie Dicke**
**5. Catherine Goodman**
**6. Mary McCartney**
**7. Paulina Olowska**
**8. Celia Hempton**
**9. Maurizio Cattelan**

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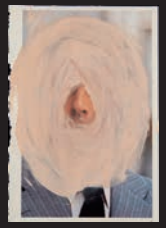

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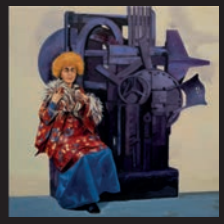
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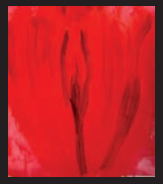

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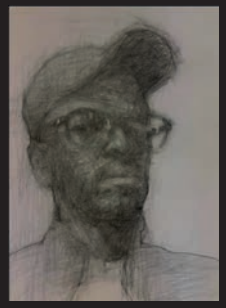


Ground Floor
**Dining Room,**
**Right Wall**

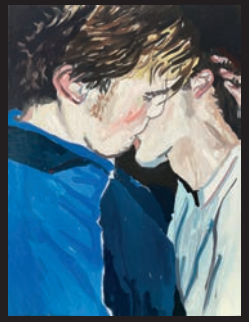
Artists

**1. Curtis Holder**
**2. David Lock**
**3. Frances Costelloe**
**4. Prem Sahib**
**5. Tom Croft**
**6. Ryan Gander**
**7. Glen Pudvine**

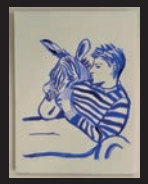
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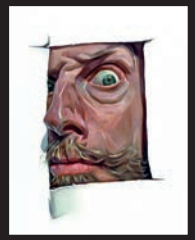
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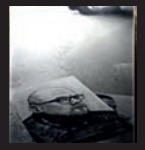
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Ground Floor
**Dining Room,**
**Right Wall**

Artists

**8. Nick Jensen**
**9. Lucy Whitehead**
**10. Elmgreen and Dragset**
**11. Gina Soden**
**12. Lisa Brice**
**13. Gavin Turk**
**14. Coumba Samba**
**15. Christabel Blackburn**
**16. Jonathan Monk**

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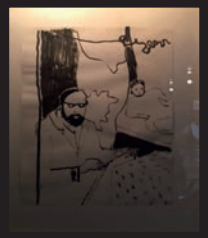
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Ground Floor
**Stairwell**

Artist
**1. Jo Dennis**

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Ground Floor

**Snug**

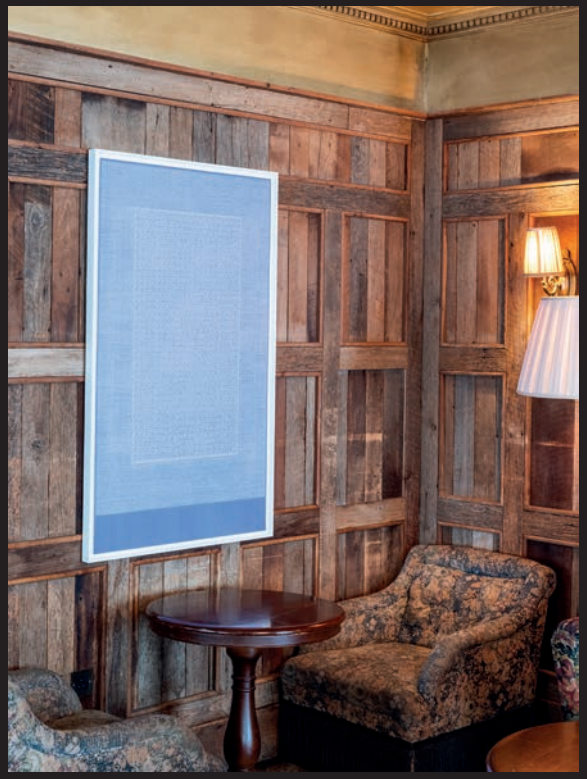
Artists

**1. Idris Khan**

**2. Tracey Emin**

**3. Jakob Rowlinson**

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Ground Floor
**Snug**

Artists
**4. Laila Tara H**
**5. JR**

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Lower Ground Floor
**Lobby**

Artists
**1. Hugh Mendes**
**2-7. Soozy Lipsey**

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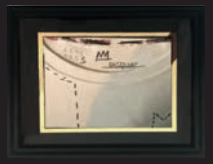

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