

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

Left: Artwork by JR in
Little House Mayfair





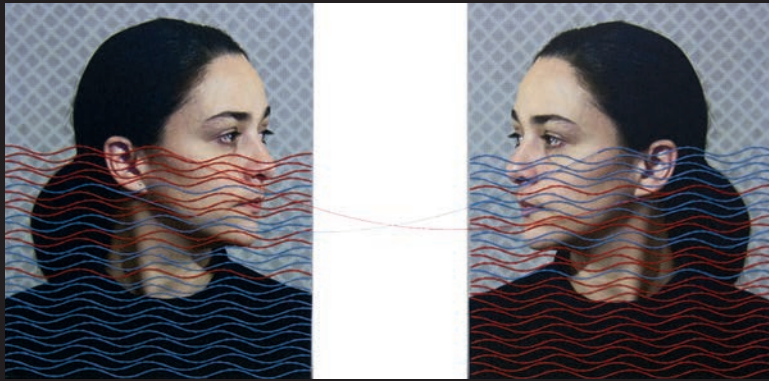
Ground Floor
Bar

Artists

1. Aimeé García

2 & 3. Hannah Quinlan and Rosie Hastings

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Ground Floor
Dining Room,
Left Wall

Artists

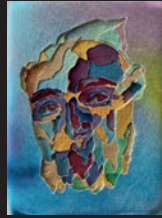
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2. Tim Shaw
3. Jesse Darling

4. Julie Verhoeven
5. Cat Roissetter
6. David Shrigley

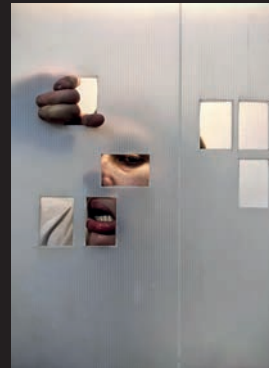
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Ground Floor
Dining Room,
Left Wall

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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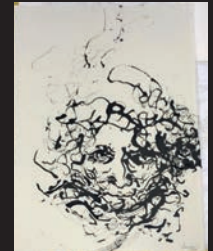
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Ground Floor
Dining Room,
Left Wall

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

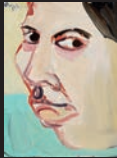
- 1. Camila Oliveira Fairclough
- 2. Chantal Joffe
- 3. Penny Goring
- 4. Amie Dicke

- 5. Catherine Goodman
- 6. Mary McCartney
- 7. Paulina Olowska
- 8. Celia Hempton
- 9. Maurizio Cattelan

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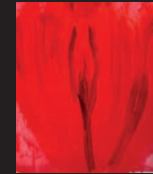
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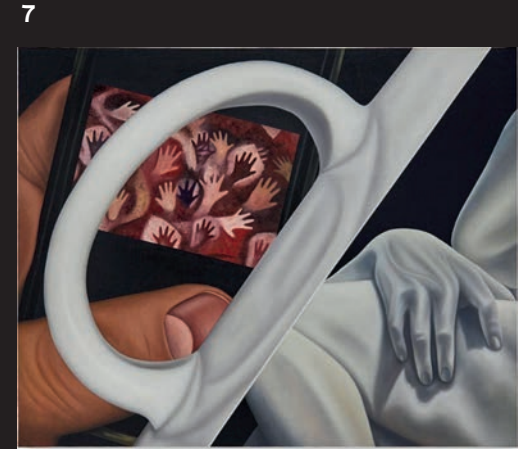
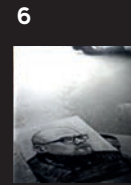




Ground Floor
Dining Room,
Right Wall

Artists

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





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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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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