

# ART IS THE BEST MEDICINE

AN EXHIBITION OF ARTWORKS BY COMEDIANS  
 COMPLETE LINE-UP ANNOUNCED!

13 – 20 December 2019



*Spencer Jones, I come here every week mate, Acrylic, oil pastels, spray paint and sea salt on discarded table tennis table, 101 x 91cm, 2019, £450*

*Art is the Best Medicine* is a unique chance for members of the public to see and buy artworks by the UK's top comedians, whilst raising money for Mental Health UK. The exhibition has been curated by comedian and artist Annie McGrath, and it will take place from 13 – 20 December 2019 at contemporary London gallery, Fiumano Clase, Unit 12, 21 Wren Street, WC1X 0HF.

Artworks range from drawings, paintings, digital prints and photography, to sculpture, poetry, embroidery, ceramics, and video art. Everything is for sale and is priced between £50 - £600, with the exception of Rob Auton's portrait of Chris Tarrant, entitled *I want to be a millionaire* which is on sale for... one million pounds. A third of all sales will go to Mental Health UK.

Gallery Directors Francesca Fiumano and Andrés Clase are delighted to have worked with Annie on *Art is the Best Medicine* and are looking forward to hosting the exhibition: "We hope to raise lots of money for Mental Health UK, a brilliant charity doing excellent work, especially around Christmas, which can be a particularly difficult time for people suffering from mental health problems."

Mental Health UK brings together four national mental health charities working across the UK: Rethink Mental Illness, Support in Mind Scotland, Hafal, and MindWise. Mental Health UK has 40 years' experience of working to improve life for people affected by mental

illness in England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. They work together to raise funds so that more people across the UK can access support for their own mental health and for friends and family members who are affected by mental illness.

This exhibition is a celebration of creativity, revealing the artistic talent behind some of comedy industry's best-known faces.



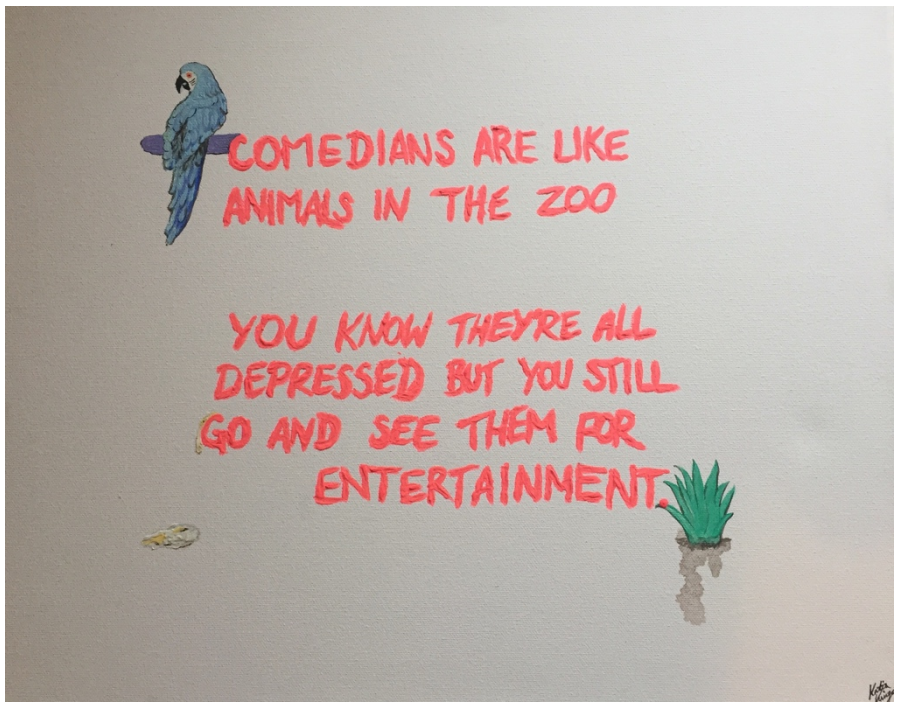
Tom Neenan, *Greta*, watercolour and ink on paper, 29.7 x 21 cm, 2019, £150



Stuart Laws, *'Lapsed'* (still), 2019, 5 minutes, limited edition of 3, Edition 1: £175  
A time-lapse video piece exploring climate change



Jessica Hynes, *All the single ladies!*, acrylic on canvas, 60 x 42 cm, 2019, £600



Katia Kvinge, *Comedians Zoo*, Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 51 cm, 2019, £299

COMPLETE LIST OF ARTISTS:

ALEX HORNE  
ANDREW BAILIE  
ANIA MAGLIANO  
ANNIE MCGRATH  
BEC HILL  
BEN TARGET  
CHRIS HAYWARD  
DANE BAPTISTE & SHYAAM CAINE  
DANIELA PASQUINI  
DANIEL QUIRKE  
ELEANOR THOM  
ELF LYONS  
ELLIE WHITE  
HARRY HILL  
HANNAH WARMAN  
HELEN KEELER  
HOLLY BURN  
JACK WHITEHALL  
JAMES MCNICHOLAS  
JAYDE ADAMS  
JENNY ECLAIR  
JESSICA HYNES  
JIM MOIR (VIC REEVES)  
JOE BOR  
JOE LYCETT  
JOSIE LONG  
KATIA KVINGE  
KATY WIX  
KIM NOBLE  
LOLLY ADEFOPE  
MAWAAN RIZWAN  
NATHANIEL METCALFE  
OLAF FALAFEL  
PAT CAHILL  
PAUL SAVAGE  
PHIL JERROD  
PIERRE NOVELLIE  
RACHEL STUBBINGS  
RICHARD TODD  
ROB AUTON  
RORY MCGRATH  
ROSA ROBSON  
ROSE MATAFEO  
RUBY MARTIN  
RUTH BRATT  
SHIVANI THUSSU  
SPENCER JONES  
STEPHANIE LAING  
STUART LAWS  
TESSA COATES  
TOM NEENAN  
TOM STOURTON  
THOM THUCK  
TIM KEY & EMILY JUNIPER





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Notes to editors:

**Exhibition dates: 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Stand-up comedy gig in the exhibition space: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (6-8pm) \*SOLD OUT\***

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**Opening hours:**

Tuesday – Friday 12– 6pm  
 Saturday – 12– 4pm  
 Closed on Sunday and Monday

**About the gallery:**

*Fiumano Clase is one of the most exciting contemporary galleries on the London scene. As well as hosting several exhibitions a year at their London gallery, Francesca Fiumano and Andrés Clase exhibit regularly at art fairs internationally: PULSE Miami, London Art Fair, Art Central Hong Kong and VOLTA New York and Basel. The central ethos of Fiumano Clase is to work collaboratively with artists, giving them the time, space and opportunity to develop their artistic practice unhindered by any commercial pressure.*

*Gallery Directors Francesca Fiumano, of Fiumano Projects, and Andrés Clase, of Orion Contemporary, made the decision to merge galleries and form Fiumano Clase in November 2017 after a number of successful collaborations, pooling over thirty years of combined knowledge and experience.*

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