

8 NEW ARTWORKS UNDER THE HAMMER FOR THE FIRST TIME

CROWD-SOURCED ON ARTSTACK TO BE AUCTIONED AT CHRISTIE'S FIRST OPEN/LDN MARCH 2015

South Kensington – Christie's and ArtStack are pleased to announce that eight artworks selected from the first crowd-sourced auction initiative will be offered in the *First Open/LDN* auction on 26 March at Christie's South Kensington. From 20 January - 2 February artists were given the opportunity to submit their work via theArtStack.com for an online competition and the public were invited to vote for their favourite artworks by 'stacking'. Almost 3,000 artists from over 100 countries submitted more than 11,000 works on this innovative social media platform.

A high-profile panel of art world, fashion and media figures selected the eight works of art for the *First Open/LDN* auction after reviewing a shortlist of the most 'stacked' (voted for) works. The artists who created these artworks are appearing at auction for the first time. The panel that made the selection included: Bianca Chu, Head of First Open/LDN, Christie's; Omar Kholeif, Curator at Whitechapel Gallery, London; James Lindon, Co-Founder of ArtStack; Penny Martin, Editor in Chief of The Gentlewoman magazine; Sarah McCrory, Director of Glasgow International; Rohan Silva, Co-Founder of Second Home; Dan Stevens, Actor and Booker Prize Judge; Russell Tovey, Actor and Art Collector.

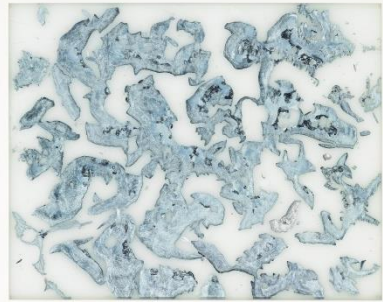
25% of the proceeds raised from the sale of the eight artworks will be donated to the Whitechapel Gallery, whose programme has long championed emerging artists.

Bianca Chu, Head of First Open/LDN – *"The response to the competition on ArtStack – from both artists and the public – was fantastic and we are excited to introduce the final eight artists to Christie's global audience for the first time. The inclusion of these works form part of another strong First Open/LDN auction, following the successful inaugural London sale. Christie's First Open sales strive to engage art lovers globally in new ways and our collaboration with ArtStack marks the continuation of this important practice."*

Ezra Konvitz, Co-Founder of ArtStack – “One of the reasons we created ArtStack was to harness technology to create new art stars. The ArtStack x Christie's First Open/LDN collaboration takes that ambition to the next level and is truly a revolutionary project for the art world.”

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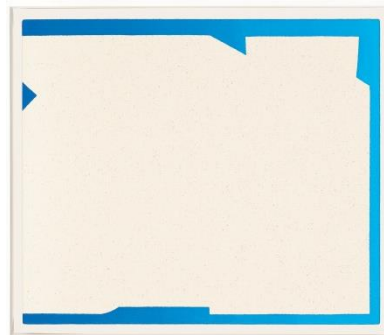
ARTWORKS SUBMITTED ON ARTSTACK, LOTS 97-104



James Balmforth
Phase Boundary #4
Estimate: £3,500-4,500



Jimmy Merris
*Self-portrait with
Swimming Goggles*
Estimate: £3,000-5,000



Felix Baudenbacher
Gradient Edges Blue
Estimate: £2,500-3,500



Michaela Zimmer
140801
Estimate: £4,000-6,000



Nathaniel Rackowe
SP21
Estimate: £5,000-7,000



Marisa Olson
*Untitled (from the series
"Time Capsules")*
Estimate: £800-1,200



Roman Liška
*Untitled
(Silver Dazzle Orange Mesh)*
Estimate: £4,000-6,000



Oskar Rink
Der Gedanke
Estimate: £2,000-3,000

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The full eCatalogue is available online [here](#)

Public Exhibition:
21 - 25 March 2015

Auction:
First Open/LDN
26 March 2015
1.00 pm, Christie's South Kensington