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## Telegraph Gallery in Olomouc presents the contemporary directions of British figurative painting

**Telegraph Gallery is exhibiting figurative paintings by five contemporary British artists. The exhibition *New Positions in British Painting* is curated by Jane Neal. The opening of the exhibition will take place on Thursday 24 August at 6 pm. It will be on public display at the Telegraph Gallery in Olomouc until 23 November.**

*“Tom Anholt, Jessie Makinson, Justin Mortimer, David Brian Smith, and Caroline Walker are among Britain’s most talented, influential, and interesting painters working today. It feels both pertinent and timely to curate an exhibition of different positions in British figurative painting, in the centre of Europe,”* said Jane Neal, the curator of the exhibition. Neal also noted that the artists for the show have been selected not only for their own particular talent but also because each occupies a unique position within British painting today.

British painting has undergone a rather dramatic development since the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Themes have varied from pensive, introspective moods to critiques of pop culture and abstraction, to the condemnation of figurative painting due to the rise of photography and video art. At the turn of the century, painting came back into the spotlight thanks to the internet and programs like Photoshop. Over the last twenty years, social and political themes, pandemics, the country's withdrawal from the European Union, as well as calls for tolerance in society and gender issues, have often featured in the work of British painters.

*“Examples of the latter approach are Caroline Walker's paintings, which reveal the diverse social, cultural, and economic experiences of women living in contemporary society, and also the work of Jessie Makinson, who readdresses a patriarchal past from a female perspective. Tom Anholt takes a different approach in his work, capturing modern life through visual effects and florid allegory. David Brian Smith paints landscapes, but he ‘stitches’ as opposed to strokes his canvases,”* said the curator. She also added that Justin Mortimer's paintings straddle the line between figuration and abstraction and invite us to question the relationship between beauty, and horror.

### Useful information

The Telegraph Gallery is also arranging guided tours with curator Jan Kudrna, which will take place on 18 October and 23 November, each at 6 pm. Telegraph Gallery is open Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 7 pm, and Saturday to Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm (lunch break from 12 to 12.30 pm). Entrance to the exhibition 50 CZK, free for Telegraph Club members.

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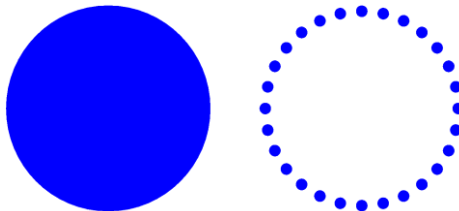
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## New Positions in British Painting

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Telegraph Gallery regularly presents exhibitions of contemporary art from the Czech Republic and abroad. On 350 m<sup>2</sup> displays the work of well-known and also overlooked artists of all ages. It also hosts workshops; art courses and offers residencies to Czech and international artists. For more information visit <https://telegraph.cz/en/gallery>.

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