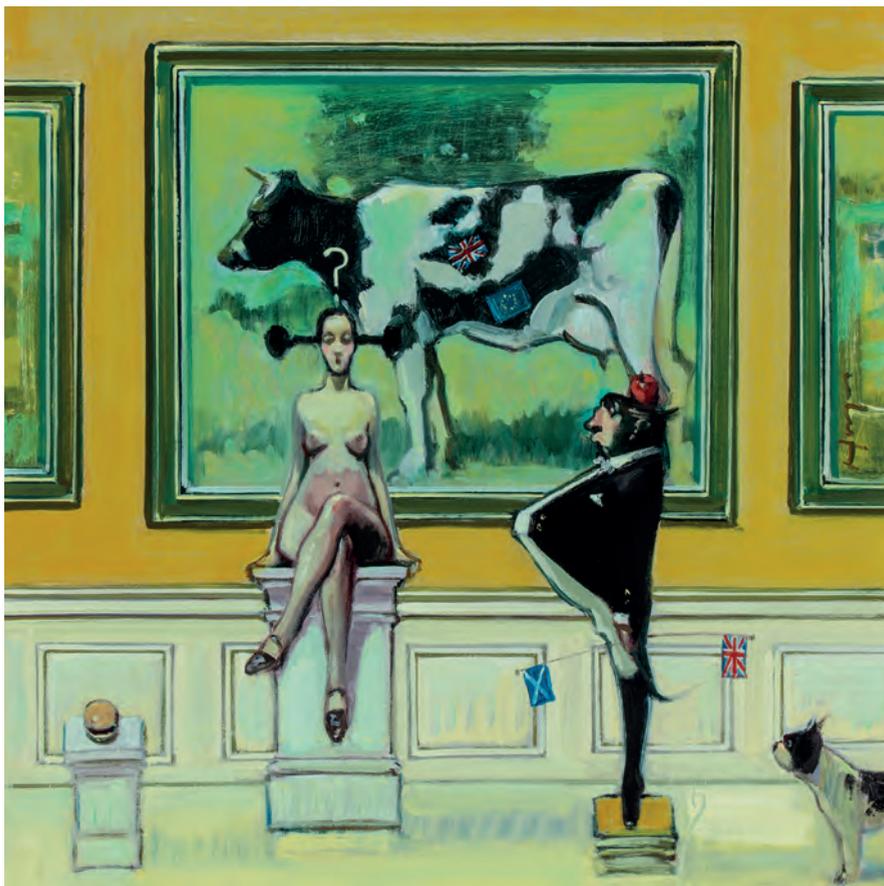


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**SIMON BACON
& JOE HARGAN:
OUT OF THIS WORLD**





JOE HARGAN *The Big Question* Oil on canvas 20 x 20 inches

SIMON BACON

Freyja

Bronze 17 x 10 x 10 inches

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14th February – 2nd March 2019

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Thompson's Gallery proudly presents 'Out of this World', a dual exhibition combining the expressionist figurative sculpture of Simon Bacon with the imaginative 2D universe of painter Joe Hargan. Both artists have made careers of pushing the boundaries of figuration within their respective mediums. Bacon engages with spirals of construction and deconstruction to create one-off figures posing questions of the human body, its capabilities for movement, and comparison of material versus immaterial existence. Hargan imbues the lavish interiors of stately homes with layers of complexity, staging near-impossible narratives enacted by a familiar cast of characters. The resulting effect is a sensation of incredulity and amusement, compounded by the deftness of Hargan's paintbrush.

Combining Bacon's sculptural pursuit of the 'out of body' with Hargan's 'out of place' paintings sparks the imagination, mind, and eye. From the overlap between two very different creators emerges an exhibition which challenges, inspires, and is truly 'Out of this World'.



SIMON BACON *Panthea* Bronze on Carrara marble base 14 x 6 x 5 inches



JOE HARGAN *A Glass too Far* Oil on canvas 20 x 20 inches



JOE HARGAN *The Dancing Queen* Oil on canvas 28 x 28 inches



SIMON BACON *Reaching Beyond* Bronze 9 x 5 x 4 inches



SIMON BACON *Serenity* Bronze 8 x 5 x 4 inches

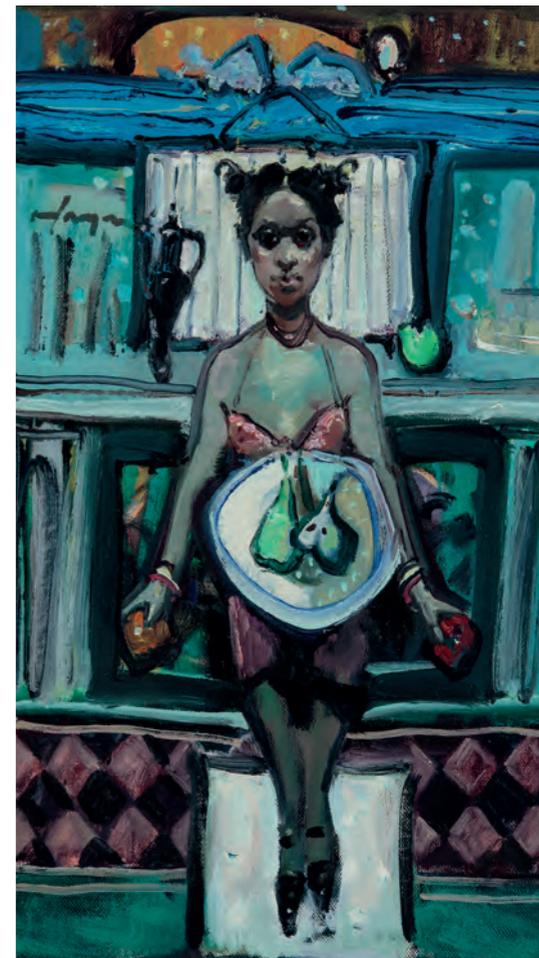


SIMON BACON *Artemis* Bronze 8 x 8 x 6 inches



JOE HARGAN *Still Life with Tony* Oil on canvas 15 x 15 inches

JOE HARGAN *Magenta* Oil on canvas 18 x 10 inches (right)





JOE HARGAN *Six Green Bottles* Oil on canvas 20 x 20 inches

Joe Hargan

Joe Hargan (b.1952, Glasgow) studied painting at Glasgow School of Art from 1970-74 and was elected President of Glasgow Art Club in 2018. Hargan's paintings are wildly imaginative and teeming with artistic skill, presenting whimsical narratives and charming characters on classical backdrops. Toeing the line between humour and gravity, the artist enjoys situating popular characters such as 'Sniffy' the red-nosed butler in precarious scenarios; a mechanism first introduced at the 2000 Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. Resisting pastiche, Hargan constantly pushes the boundaries of figurative painting, exemplifying 'joy de vivre' in practice and product.

Simon Bacon

Simon Bacon (b. 1969, Essex) trained in sculpture at the London Atelier of Representational Art in 2011 and earned his MA in Sculptural Practice from Colchester School of Art in 2013. Bacon's work explores existential themes through figurative expressionism, informed by an early career in Osteopathy and Transpersonal Psychology research. The artist expresses a deep interest in the body, philosophy of consciousness, and identity through the medium of sculpture, deliberately limiting each bronze figure to one unique edition. The singularity and complexity of Bacon's work parallels the individual nature of human existence; which, as the artist puts it, 'includes much more than what is currently existing'.



SIMON BACON *Dreaming of You*
Bronze 8 x 4 x 4 inches (front cover)

JOE HARGAN *Under the Weather*
Oil on canvas 20 x 20 inches

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