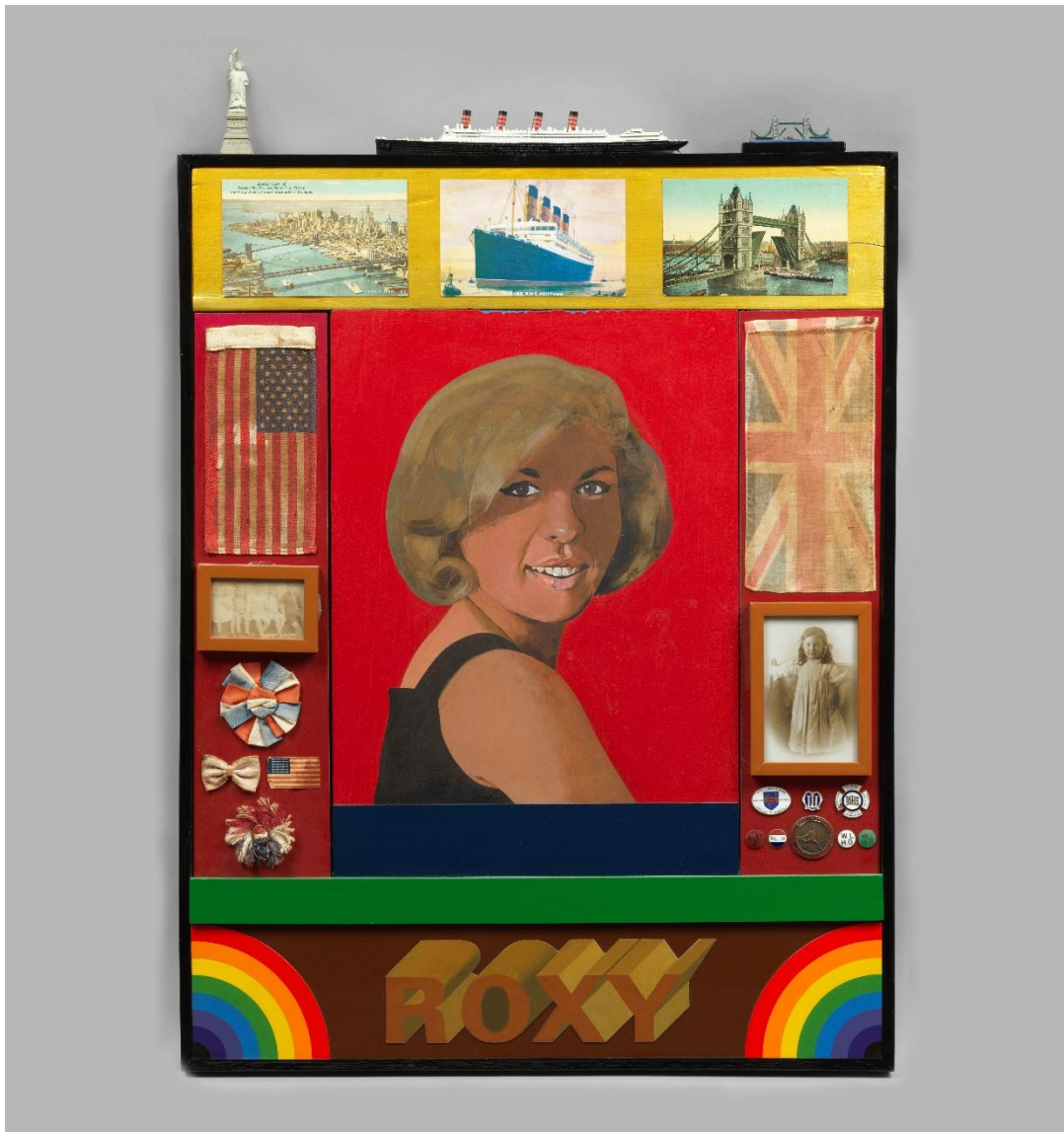


Press Release: *Swinging London*

Hazlitt Holland-Hibbert

Open from 12 April 2021



An exhibition of paintings, sculpture and works on paper by British Pop artists including Peter Blake, Anthony Caro, Patrick Caulfield, Allen Jones, Gerald Laing, Eduardo Paolozzi and Richard Smith.

In Spring 2021, Hazlitt Holland-Hibbert presents an exhibition devoted to British Pop art shown alongside a group of paper pulps made by the artist, Richard Smith (1931-2016). Pop Art has in many ways come to define the universally held perception of the Swinging

Sixties. With its early origins dating back to 1952 in Britain with the advent of The Independent Group. It gained more significant momentum with a new generation of artists graduating from The Royal College of Art in London, led by Richard Smith, Peter Blake, Allen Jones, David Hockney, and Patrick Caulfield. Their work drew inspiration from a shared understanding of cosmopolitan life, music, literature, cinema, and fashion, bringing a fresh take on the contemporary urban art scene.

This exhibition brings together a number of classic Pop works by these British pioneers. The glossy, light-hearted consumer culture of the 60s perfectly complimented the optimism and peculiarly British sense of humour which came to define their work. Pop Art was era-defining in its character and deeply personal representation of modern life in London.

In the front gallery a group of later paper pulp works by Richard Smith show the direction in which Pop could travel in the hands of one of its early exponents. The exhibition highlights the diversity and sophistication of this group of revolutionary artists working at the start of their careers and each connected, in one way or another, by a common sensibility distinct to Swinging London.

Notes to Editors:

Hazlitt Holland-Hibbert is among the leading specialists in museum-quality Modern and Contemporary British art. Based in London, with an office in New York, the gallery focuses solely on British artists with an international reputation, such as Frank Auerbach, Francis Bacon, Patrick Caulfield, Lucian Freud, Gilbert and George, Barbara Hepworth, Patrick Heron, David Hockney, Howard Hodgkin, Leon Kossoff, Richard Long, Eduardo Paolozzi, Bridget Riley and Richard Smith.

The gallery participates in major international art fairs, including Frieze Masters, TEFAF New York, Art Basel and Masterpiece. In recent years, the gallery has held loan exhibitions of Howard Hodgkin, Eduardo Paolozzi, Richard Smith, Peter Lanyon, David Hockney, Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth and Ben Nicholson, Bridget Riley, and Gerald Laing.

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