

MAX HYMES: CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN

Houldsworth Gallery

7 November – 11 January

The master of meticulous crafting, Max Hymes, brings his otherworldly sculptures to the Houldsworth Gallery from November for an exhibition that fuses the primitive with the contemporary. His eclectic pieces mix brightly beaded exotic designs with natural and neat craftings, evoking notions of pagan modernity.

(houldsworth.co.uk)



TRUTH IN LIFE, 2007, MAX HYMES, £2,500 (EXC VAT)

RCA SECRET 2008

Royal College of Art | Viewing days 14-21 November

Sale Day: 22 November

Does the thought of purchasing an Emin, a Hockney or even a Bowie masterpiece for a mere £40 appeal to you? Of course it does. Head to



POSTCARD BY MANOLO BLAHNIK FROM 2007 EVENT

the Royal College of Art for their annual postcard exhibition where top-name artists have created their very own mini-masterworks, the only snag being that all pieces are strictly anonymous until purchase, forcing you to buy for the look and not for the signature. Revel in the great artistic lottery and register online (below) for your opportunity to buy. Answers on a postcard please...

(rca.ac.uk/secret)

COLLECTIVE DISORDER

Holster Projects | 11 November – 6 December

What's that we spy on Westbourne Park Road?

A newly opened art gallery dedicated to exhibiting the work of international emerging artists. *Collective Disorder* features the striking work of two talented and driven young American women, Christina

Kerns and Eliza Geddes,

whose work in sculpture, canvas, photography and collage passes socio-cultural comment on our contemporary world.

(holsterprojects.com)



NIGHTMARE (AFTER), 2006 (PART OF VIGNETTES SERIES), CHRISTINA KERNS



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Whatever happened to printing out your photos? The days of rushing to the chemist to pick up your pics and choosing the best to put out on display, to enjoy and remember.

Don't get me wrong; I love digital: the ease, the speed, the compactness, the money saving – the evidence being in my own fingerprints, having developed severe finger strain from tagging one too many Facebook pictures lately. But there is something about the gazillion images suspended in cyberspace that leaves me feeling a little cold, and my walls a little bare.

Perhaps it's time to switch off the computer for a day and spend time making the house a home. And there's surely no better way to brighten things up than freeing memories from memory chips, getting them in a decent frame and displaying them on your wall. Once you've released your pictures from their cyber-cells you

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should head down to Frame Set & Match on Notting Hill Gate. They've been framing away there for 22 years, so they know their onions. Good advice on good frames at good prices. And with their work on show at some of west London's most prestigious locations including the V&A, the BBC and Kensington Palace you know you're in good hands.

But don't just limit it to photos. You can get that new Hirst you just picked up at auction or that signed Stones album done while you're at it. In fact, getting something framed is a brilliant idea for a credit-crunch beating Christmas. You can get a 6 x 9 print done for pennies these days and Frame Set & Match can take care of the rest from around £20.

If it's good enough for the Queen...

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