

HALCYON GALLERY

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Contemporary Art and Christianity: Friends or Enemies? Debate at Halcyon Gallery

On 3 November, artist Billy Childish, critic Brian Sewell and Catholic priest Father William Pearsall SJ will take part in a debate on art and religion at Halcyon Gallery, chaired by BBC arts correspondent Razia Iqbal.

Contemporary Art and Christianity: Friends or Enemies? coincides with a major exhibition by Spanish artist Andrés García Ibáñez, 'Los Putrefactos' (The Rotten Ones), and will explore the relationship between art and religion today. Ibáñez's work in this exhibition makes use of religious iconography to create social – and often controversial – comment, and will be used as a starting point for the debate.

The speakers will discuss issues including the role of the church as patron of the arts; how artists working today use religious imagery compared to artists from the past; and the gallery's role in exhibiting work with religious content.

The debate is open to the public and tickets are free.

Booking is essential: Hannah Lickert at Colman Getty
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Contemporary Art and Christianity: Friends or Enemies?

Monday 3 November 2008

6.30pm – 8.30pm

Halcyon Gallery

24 Bruton Street

London W1J 6QQ

Los Putrefactos will run at Halcyon Gallery from 15 October 2008.

Ends

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Notes to editors

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Visitor information: + 44 (0)20 7659 7640

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 10am to 6pm
Sunday by appointment only

Free entry

Halcyon Gallery

Situated in the heart of Mayfair, London, Halcyon Gallery is one of Europe's leading art galleries, representing some of the finest contemporary painters and sculptors working today. Halcyon Gallery is committed to supporting and nurturing outstanding living artists, as well as specialising in fine art and original paintings, drawings and sculpture.

2008 marks the 25th anniversary of Halcyon Gallery and the opening of a magnificent new flagship gallery at 24 Bruton Street. This elegant Georgian building has been renovated to create a stunning exhibition space suitable for the finest art and joins Halcyon Gallery's existing London galleries at 29 New Bond Street and 29 Bruton Street.