

“Limp Wrist – Iron Fist”

Press Release

An exhibition of queer art, works by Dusty O at The Houses of Parliament

On 3rd of June from 4pm – 9pm, The Houses of Parliament and MP Khalid Mahmood, will host a first of its kind exhibition. Previously unexhibited, provocative and shocking works by Queer artist Dusty “O” will adorn the historic walls. At this febrile political time they will challenge the status quo, whilst raising important gender issues and inspiring reinvention and reappraisal within the corridors of power.

Dusty O was one of the most visible and popular faces on the London Club scene for 30 years. As a drag performer, DJ, writer, fashion muse for London College of Fashion and club, promoter - he carved out a glittering career which took him all over the world leading to numerous tv, magazine and stage appearances and the soubriquet “*Queen of Soho*”. Dusty ran his own legendary club night “*Trannyshack*” at Madame JoJo’s for over a decade and starred in London Live’s drag reality TV show “*Drag Queen’s Of London*”. He wrote over 300 acerbic and witty music columns for the biggest gay magazine in the country, QX magazine & hosted London Gay Pride’s main stage in Trafalgar Square numerous times. Throughout the noughties, Dusty also starred in Leicester Square Theatre’s annual filthy Pantomime “*Dick*” bringing in 5 star rave reviews.

3 years ago Dusty gave up performing and started painting. His works reveal a glimpse of his former life and mirror his wild eccentricity. It is dripping with contorted images of his own reality. A world of no gender and no judgement where the human being can be anything it wants. A world of total freedom. Dusty O’s work dismisses reality and conventions and turns ideas on their heads. It is an orgy of energy and colour. The passion leaps from the canvas and assaults the senses. Nothing is taboo!

Dusty has held 3 national exhibitions including one at Zellig Gallery in Birmingham and last year exhibited at Catalonia’s foremost gay gallery “*L’articafe*”. He has sold over 400 works and is fast making a name for himself, but this time as a contributor to modern Queer Art.

Dusty previews 20 new pieces of work entitled, “*Limp Wrist – Iron Fist*” at the home of Democracy ,The Houses Of Parliament.

Supported by Pride In London, and ParliOUT and sponsored by Davenports Brewery. This is an event that is a first of it’s kind at Parliament. An embracing of diversity and choice and a glimpse in to a colourful and hedonistic world.

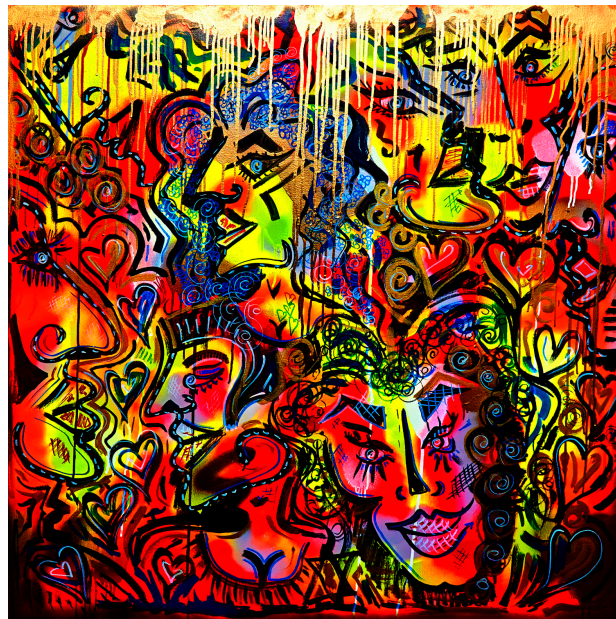
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"Where Is She?" (2018)



"Oompa Lumpas" (2018)



"Trannyshack" (2016)



David Hodge as Dusty O



David Hodge as himself