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LEAP OF FAITH

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OPENING RECEPTION

Friday 5 June, 10am-6pm

LOCATION

24 Berwick Street, London W1F 8RD

WEBSITE

get.riseart.com/exhibition-leap-of-faith/

We tend to appreciate things that make sense. We gravitate towards what seems coherent and reasonable. We feel safe here. When reason is on our side, we feel protected by it. But what about when it isn't?

To take a leap of faith is to celebrate something whilst understanding that it doesn't make rational sense. It is to see a paradox and, instead of seeking to escape it, choose to celebrate the contradiction. To take a leap of faith is to refuse the safety of reason in favour of the unpredictable and exciting world of absurdity. Existentialist philosopher Søren Kierkegaard wrote that "the thinker without paradox is like a lover without feeling: a paltry mediocrity". Two centuries later, Patrick Hughes echoed his sentiment: "a paradox to me is like a pearl."

The artworks in this exhibition embrace absurdity: Hughes' sculpture Circular Train sits on a round track, its only possible destination the exact same spot as its starting point. KEELERTORNERO's monochrome animals invade scenes of domestic bliss. Scrub by Sue Kennington references the visual and conceptual contradiction of the city, where a chaotic tangle of organic green forms grow into a barren concrete plane. Michael Coppelov's paintings Campo and Uncle Buck depict a surreal paradise where revellers enjoy the cool of swimming pools growing out of men's torsos.

These, and the other works on show, encourage the viewer to leave their rational faculties behind, instead taking a leap of faith and indulging in the absurd.

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Notes to Editors

Leap of Faith is the opening exhibition at Rise Art's Soho gallery space, located in the heart of Berwick Street. It is a group exhibition featuring work by Michael Coppelov, Amy Dury, Joe Hesketh, Patrick Hughes, KEELERTORNERO, Sue Kennington, Bruce McLean, Willie Nash and Adam Reid

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