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ROBERT CLARKE HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

8 SEPTEMBER - 19 SEPTEMBER 2017

OPENING RECEPTION:
FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 6.00 PM

(WITH DRINKS)

ROBERT CLARKE IN ATTENDANCE



Imbued with a sense of personality that 'captures the essence of the dog', Robert James Clarke's drawings and paintings have attracted global attention. Clarke is regularly commissioned to portrait celebrities' canine friends and has held exhibitions in both London and New York.

He has painted a number of well known dogs including Kate Moss's Archie, Alan Carr's Bev and Joyce, Tim Walker's Stig, Fergie's (Black Eyed Peas) Meatloaf as well as other dogs for Katie Hiller, Katie Grand, Bruce Oldfield and most recently Cath Kidston's dog Billie.

Clarke has always been interested in the female form and this collection of paintings brings together his love of dogs and some of the owners of the hounds he paints.

Some canvases portray the owners with their dogs in a playful semi figurative way.

The title of the show comes from the lyrics of the song Hooray for Hollywood written by Johnny Mercer and sung by Doris day The line " from TV's Lassie to Monroes Chassis" popped into Clarke's head and the idea of owners and theirs dogs as a composition came to life " I wanted to keep the dogs relevant but use figures to give a sense of scale, " says Clarke.

The paintings are acrylic on canvas

About Robert Clarke:

Born in Luton in 1963, Clarke showed early artistic promise by winning local art competitions and completing 'O Level' and 'A Level' art before the age of 16. After a foundation course at Barnfield, Clarke was one of the few to be accepted to study at St Martin's College of Art: "my foundation course was a good one ... but not many of us got into London schools."

Notes to editors:

The Opening Reception will be held on the Friday 8 September 2017 and will be attended by artist Robert Clarke

For press information on specific works in the exhibition, interviews, or high resolution images please contact the Gallery Director, Sue McAllister at press@mcallisterthomasfineart.co.uk or +(44) 1483 860591

About McAllister Thomas Fine Art

McAllister Thomas is a contemporary art gallery that works with exciting emerging and established artists. The gallery was founded in 2007 and is located in the market town of Godalming, Surrey. McAllister Thomas runs an on-going calendar of exhibitions throughout the year. The diversity and quality of original works exhibited has earned the gallery an enviable reputation with new and existing collectors.

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