

TWISPER TOP 5: LONDON GALLERY SPACES

A tour of the international art scene would be incomplete without a stop off in London. The city is awash with gallery spaces, from the established big leagues such as the Tate(s) to ones nearer the grass root action. The art scene in London has an energy and vigor that can rival New York and a history that can match Paris' for longevity.

It's something that one of our latest Local Insiders, Tobias Czudej, is well aware of. As part of the team behind international gallery network Pace, which has multiple spaces in Beijing and New York as well as London, Czudej's team represents more than 70 artists and estates internationally. At the smaller of the two London galleries, located on Lexington Street, Czudej is currently exhibiting the latest show from artist and actor James Franco presented by Scottish artist Douglas Gordon.

For our Twisper Top 5, Czudej has hand-picked the art galleries in London that are showcasing some of the best, forward-thinking and most exciting work in the world right now.

Carl Kostyál

An exhibition space with twin locations in both Stockholm and London, Carl Kostyál is located on the famous Savile Row of London. The space's current exhibition, John Henderson's 'Excerpts', curated by Benjamin Godsill, is an almost ironic take on modern precepts and perceptions of image and history. Combining image, video, sculpture and paint, the mediums sometimes cross over. With 'Cast', 2013, painting has become sculpture even though originally set on canvas. In others, the space of Carl Kostyál seems to have been deliberately ignored, utilized in a way that seems at cross purposes but which mirrors the actions of the work's subjects. Images are set on the ground, oil paintings are almost dwarfed by the surrounding walls on which they hang. Today is the last day of the exhibition. Don't miss it!



John Henderson: Untitled Painting, 2013. Image: Carl Kostyál

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