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## WARHOL RETURNS TO MK



Andy Warhol, No Title, 1967. © 2024 The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc. / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York and DACS, London.

### Andy Warhol: Portrait of America

An ARTIST ROOMS Partnership Exhibition with Tate and National Galleries of Scotland

15 March – 29 June 2025

In celebration of its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, MK Gallery is delighted to present *Andy Warhol: Portrait of America*, an ARTIST ROOMS Partnership Exhibition with Tate and National Galleries of Scotland, opening Saturday 15 March 2025.

Almost 25 years since *Andy Warhol: Cars* was shown in 2001, MK Gallery is set to exhibit the seminal pop artist's work once again in Milton Keynes. This upcoming exhibition will be a survey of over 130 of Warhol's most iconic artworks, including the renowned *Marilyn* series, and two paintings of British art duo Gilbert & George, who were the focus of MK Gallery's inaugural exhibition in 1999.

Andy Warhol (1928-1987) was a leading figure in American Pop art. This exhibition of works from the 1950s – 80s includes early drawings, painted-silkscreens and photographic series featuring Warhol's collaborations with artists, friends, filmmakers and celebrities. Images of Marilyn Monroe, Liz Taylor, and Warhol himself, feature alongside icons of American consumerism as well as symbols of the artists fascination with mortality: guns, skulls and war.

Warhol's fascination with celebrity and commercial culture produced some of the most recognisable images in 20th century art. Finding success living and working in 1950s New York as an illustrator for magazines, Warhol developed styles and techniques which propelled him to the centre of America's cultural scene.

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MK Gallery, 900 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 3QA

<http://mkgallery.org/event/andy-warhol>

## NOTES TO EDITORS

### MK GALLERY

MK Gallery brings world-class exhibitions and events together with pioneering learning and community programmes to Milton Keynes.

An independent café and shop, cinema from Curzon, and spectacular views over the Campbell Park feature in this expanded building, which launched in 2019.

Three major exhibitions are presented each year across five elegant and spacious galleries, from thematic group exhibitions to in-depth solo presentations. Alongside our exhibitions, we offer workshops, talks and conferences, mixing emerging and locally based talent with established names. We also deliver a weekly film programme featuring the best of independent cinema in partnership with Curzon. We offer schools and family activities throughout the year and our artist-designed play area is open 365 days a year.

MK Gallery works with partners locally, nationally and internationally to bring the best cultural activities into the region. The Gallery is part of the Arts Council's National Portfolio and a member of the Plus Tate network.

### ARTIST ROOMS

ARTIST ROOMS presents the work of international artists in solo exhibitions drawn from a national touring collection jointly owned by Tate and the National Galleries of Scotland. Its programme reaches audiences across the UK and is developed through local partnerships. ARTIST ROOMS gives young people the chance to get involved in creative projects, discover more about art and artists, and learn new skills. Since 2009, some 200 exhibitions have been shown at nearly 100 museum and galleries around the UK, with 50 million visitors.

The ARTIST ROOMS programme and collection is managed by Tate and National Galleries of Scotland with the support of Art Fund, Henry Moore Foundation and using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England and Creative Scotland. Its founding collection was established through The d'Offay Donation in 2008 with the assistance of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, Art Fund and the Scottish and British Governments.

For more information visit: [www.nationalgalleries.org/artistrooms](http://www.nationalgalleries.org/artistrooms) | [www.tate.org.uk/artist-rooms](http://www.tate.org.uk/artist-rooms) | [www.artistrooms.org](http://www.artistrooms.org) | #ARTISTROOMS

### ART FUND

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### HENRY MOORE FOUNDATION

The Henry Moore Foundation was founded by the artist and his family in 1977 to encourage public appreciation of the visual arts. Today the Foundation supports innovative sculpture projects through its grants programme, devises an imaginative programme of exhibitions and research worldwide, and preserves the legacy of Moore himself: one of the great sculptors of the 20th century, who did so much to bring the art form to a wider audience. [henry-moore.org](http://henry-moore.org)

#### ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Arts Council England is the national development agency for creativity and culture. We have set out our strategic vision in Let's Create that by 2030 we want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish and where everyone of us has access to a remarkable range of high-quality cultural experiences. From 2023 to 2026 we will invest over £467 million of public money from Government and an estimated £250 million from The National Lottery each year to help support the sector and to deliver this vision. [www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk)

#### CREATIVE SCOTLAND

Creative Scotland is the public body that supports culture and creativity across all parts of Scotland, distributing funding provided by the Scottish Government and The National Lottery. Further information at [creativescotland.com](http://creativescotland.com). Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Learn more about the value of art and creativity in Scotland and join in at [www.ourcreativevoice.scot](http://www.ourcreativevoice.scot)



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