

BANKSY | FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

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Location: Andipa / 162 Walton Street, Knightsbridge, London SW3 2JL // Nearest tube stations are Knightsbridge or South Kensington.

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Hailing from Bristol's underground scene, the infamous street artist known as Banksy flipped the art world on its head by transplanting an illegal art form on public walls onto the walls of world-class art institutions and prestigious private collections.

Following the huge success of the recent major museum exhibition in the Palazzo Cipolla in Rome, Italy, which Andipa co-curated this past summer (May-September), Andipa in association with War Child, the charity for children affected by conflict, is proud to announce that a selection of the Rome show works including original canvas paintings, sculptures, iconic prints and rare unseen objects will be returning to London for an exclusive limited-time exhibition at Andipa's Knightsbridge gallery space.

"It's so exciting to see such a large number of works coming back home [to London] to go on display. It is a monumental collection brought together for the first time and I cannot wait to open our gallery to the public."

- Acoris Andipa, Director, Andipa Gallery

The Rome show, which attracted 500,000+ visitors in just over 3 months, was the first major private museum exhibition of the anonymous street artist with Andipa sourcing most of the artworks and objects from their network of international private collectors. The notion of bringing urban art traditionally labelled as graffiti or vandalism into galleries was almost non-existent 15 years ago whereas private collectors and institutions now seek original Banksy canvases at auction for hundreds of thousands of pounds.

This show is a rare opportunity to see original Banksy works on canvas and art objects produced for the primary art market and sourced from collections all over the world. From iconic pieces such as the chilling 'Kids On Guns' canvas and Banksy's Kate Moss remix of Warhol's Marilyn, to earlier unknown oil paintings on canvas such as 'Rubber Duck', this exhibition offers the public an intimate look at some of the most important works of art by one of today's most exciting and relevant contemporary artists.

This is a FREE exhibition with a suggested donation on entry of £5 with 100% of donations going to War Child UK.

ABOUT ANDIPA

Andipa is a leading Modern & Contemporary Art gallery based in Knightsbridge, London and established as private dealer in 1967. It is still owned and operated by the founding family who were first recognised in fine art in 1593. Andipa is a reputable player in the Banksy market, exhibiting the artist's works from their private collection since 2006. The following year, Andipa produced the first major secondary Banksy solo exhibition from its own collection which received 36,000 visitors in 6 weeks. It has been responsible for placing many of the artist's important works into international private collections.

Special thanks to all our private lenders who made this show possible and for sharing your works of art with the London public and international visitors.

Acoris Andipa (Director – Andipa Gallery) is available for interviews and enquiries. Please contact Sharon Strom (sharon@andipa.com / 0207 589 2371) for all enquiries and press requests.

ABOUT WAR CHILD UK

War Child is striving for a world where children's lives are no longer torn apart by war. We are the only specialist charity for children in conflict, delivering high-impact programmes that are rebuilding lives across Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Central African Republic. We understand children's needs, respect their rights, and put them at the centre of the solution - from supporting Syrian children to access education, to reintegrating child soldiers in the Central African Republic and enabling girls to escape life on the streets in the DRC.

We aim to reach children early in the conflict cycle and stay to support them through their recovery, providing education and protection services and also building longer-term livelihood opportunities. We support children to deal with the traumas of armed conflict, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to go back to school, and providing training to young people so they can support themselves.

We believe that children and young people know what matters to them and that their voices and demands should be heard – we work with them to build their confidence as advocates and to mobilise others to take action in support of them.

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