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Hospital Rooms and Hauser & Wirth Collaborate to Brighten British Wards

To provide museum-caliber artwork to British mental health services, the three-year collaboration intends to raise £1 million.

The first of three annual shows, in collaboration with the UK charity Hospital Rooms, will soon take place at Hauser & Wirth. From August 19 to September 14, the exhibition *Like There Is Hope and I Can Dream of Another World* will be on display at the gallery's Saville Row location.

The exhibition's title is a response from a patient to the query, "How should an artwork in a mental health facility make you feel?" posed by Hospital Rooms. For the exhibition, Mark Titchner painted the sentence 15 metres in length. Additionally, the exhibition includes pieces created in partnership with Springfield University Hospital students and mental health service recipients by Harold Offeh and Michelle Williams Gamaker.

Tim A. Shaw, a visual artist, and Niahm White, a curator, established Hospital Rooms in 2016. After visiting a friend who had been admitted to a mental health facility that they considered to be sterile, clinical, and depressing, they were inspired



medical professionals, and artists including Tschabalala Self, Anthony Gormley, Sonia Boyce, Assemble, and Anish Kapoor to create pieces of art specifically designed for British hospitals.

Neil Wenman, a partner at Hauser & Wirth, stated, “We have been supporters of Hospital Rooms for a long time, with both Niamh and Tim alumni of the gallery.” We are really grateful for their remarkable dedication and generosity.

Through yearly charity auctions, Hauser & Wirth has raised more over £200,000 for the nonprofit over the last three years. They want to raise an additional £1 million over the following three years.

On September 14, Bonham’s will host Hauser & Wirth’s fourth annual charity auction for Hospital Rooms. Along with pieces by Julian Opie, Richard Wentworth, Emma Cousin, and Supta Biswas, among others, works by Hauser & Wirth artists Amy Sherald, Pipilotti Rist, Takesada Matsutani, and Thomas J Price will be auctioned off.

The money raised will be used to fund an 18-month art programme and a number of pieces of art for the new Rivers Centre at the Hellesdon Hospital in Norwich.

Wenman stated, “We genuinely think that art plays a vital part in altering lives and offering joy and dignity to stimulate and heal.” This belief is supported by Hospital Rooms’ work, which has been seen to have a positive impact in NHS mental health inpatient facilities across the UK.

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