

## Caroline Walker, Hurvin Anderson & Rashid Johnson lead Hospital Rooms Charity Auction

All fees waived, with 100% of  
proceeds going to support  
Hospital Rooms projects in  
mental health hospitals

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**HOLDING  
SPACE**  
Rashid Johnson

Rashid Johnson, *Untitled Anxious Man* 2018, Softground etching printed in black 60.3 x 50.2 cm / 23 3/4 x 19 3/4 inches © Rashid Johnson. Photo courtesy the artist and Hauser & Wirth (Genevieve Hanson)

**Hospital Rooms' annual charity auction**, Holding Space, will take place on **12 September 2023** at **Bonhams**, 101 New Bond Street.

Highlights include artworks generously donated by **Martin Creed, Chantal Joffe, Allison Katz, Rashid Johnson, Julian Opie, Charles Gaines, Hurvin Anderson, Do Ho Suh** and **Caroline Walker**.

In partnership with Bonhams and Hauser & Wirth, **all fees, including buyer's premium, have been waived.**

- The live auction will take place on 12 September at Bonhams, 101 New Bond Street, London.
- The online-only auction will be open for bidding on [bonhams.com](https://bonhams.com) from 1 – 13 September.
- Both auctions will be available to preview at 101 New Bond Street from 4 – 12 September.

This event is expected to raise £500,000 and all proceeds from the auction will support Hospital Rooms projects, in particular a Children and Adolescent Service in Sandwell at Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

*'We are honoured by the support of our artists and partners Hauser & Wirth and Bonhams who are helping us make available these amazing artworks. And of course we are indebted to the support of buyers who will help us radically transform mental health settings, especially for young people, over the coming years.'*

- Niamh White (Hospital Rooms Co-Founder)

## AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

For our online auction, artists including Catherine Goodman & **Mark Titchner** have generously created new works responding to the exhibition's theme, **Holding Space**. Pairs of unique cushions created by artists including **Richard Mark Rawlins** and **Lorna Hamilton Brown** will be available.



## HOLDING SPACE

Catherine Goodman

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Catherine Goodman, *A Holding Space* 2023, Oil on linen, 75 x 60 cm / 29 1/2 x 23 5/8 inches  
© Catherine Goodman. Photo courtesy the artist and Hauser & Wirth (Tim Bowditch)

**Other highlights** include **Sutapa Biswas's** *Time Flies 02.08.2023*, a small and exquisite painting that is part of a series of paintings of birds that the artist has been working on for almost 20 years, and **Hurvin Anderson's** *Shaftesbury*, which has particular resonance for Hospital Rooms as it was a preparatory work for a huge mural that Hurvin created for the Shaftesbury Clinic, a forensic mental health hospital in London.

In the lead up to the event, artworks featured in the auction can be seen on Ocean Outdoor screens around London including Canary Wharf, Westfield London and Stratford, Leicester Square and High St Kensington.

**Visit [bonhams.com/hospitalrooms](https://bonhams.com/hospitalrooms) to explore the wonderful artworks available to purchase.**

### AUCTION IMPACT

From 2023, Hospital Rooms is responding to the catastrophic impact that the pandemic and cost of living crisis has had on young people's mental health.

Urgent referrals to Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) associated with psychosis, self-harm and suicidal ideation have increased by 63% (Apr-Jun 2019 v 2021) (Guardian 2021).

CAMHS are at capacity and extremely unwell young people are on 2 year waiting lists. Young people with severe mental illness on acute and high dependency wards and often detained under the Mental Health Act live away from their families, for between 4 weeks and 9 months.

Staff and patients have told us that the sterile environment and absence of meaningful activities fuels boredom and has a damaging effect on recovery. Clinical teams report a devastating lack of imagination, motivation, self-esteem and hope in young people.

This year, we are working with Sandwell CAMHS at Black Country NHS Foundation Trust ,an outpatient community mental health service for young people experiencing mental illness. The building's 15 therapy rooms, communal spaces and staff offices are significantly run down with no creative elements.

*"What stands out in my mind is feedback that I got from a young person, 'we are sitting in prisons.'"*

- Sandwell CAMHS Staff member, Focus Group session

*"We want to create an environment that says, 'People do get better, it will get better, this is a space for that.'"*

- Sandwell CAMHS Staff member, Focus Group session

Hospital Rooms is working with the service over a period of 18 months to transform the Lodge Road mental health outpatient service building. A group of 13 artists including Roo Dhisso, Marley Starskey and Sarah Silverwood Taylor have been leading creative sessions with young people throughout the Easter, Half Term and Summer school holidays to collaboratively conceive of inventive and transformative artworks for the space. We now need to bring these artworks to reality.

*"It is wonderful that Sandwell CAMHS has teamed up with the Hospital Rooms to bring beautiful, unique artwork to our Lodge Road site. The project will bring Sandwell young people together and give them a chance to express themselves creatively, while making a real difference to improve the environment for those who use our service. This partnership shows the importance of our Trust working with partner organisations to carry out exciting, innovative work in the field of mental health care. I can't wait to see what our young people create with the Hospital Rooms team."*

- Nicky Mountford, Service Manager and Clinical Lead for Sandwell CAMHS at Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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## NOTES TO EDITOR

### With Thanks

**Hospital Rooms** annual Charity Auction *Holding Space* is in partnership with **Hauser & Wirth** and supported by **Bonhams**. With additional support from **COAT, Crozier, Winsor & Newton, Gallagher Re and Scarlet & Violet**.

### About Hospital Rooms

Hospital Rooms is an arts & mental health charity working to radically transform NHS Mental Health hospitals with creative programming and world-class artist commissions.

Artist Tim A Shaw and curator Niamh White founded Hospital Rooms after a close friend was sectioned and admitted to a mental health hospital. On visiting her, they were shocked to find that the hospital environment was cold and clinical at a time when she was so vulnerable. Having worked in the arts for 10 years each, they felt they had the skills and community to be able to transform these spaces with high quality artworks. In 2016, Dr Emma Whicher (now one of Hospital Rooms' trustees) gave them the opportunity to run their first project at the Phoenix Unit, a rehabilitation unit for people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. They commissioned Nick Knight, Gavin Turk, Assemble among other world class artists to work with patients and staff to create site specific artwork for the ward. The project received national press attention and Hospital Rooms has been inundated with requests for projects ever since.

### About Hauser & Wirth

Hauser & Wirth was founded in 1992 in Zurich by Iwan Wirth, Manuela Wirth and Ursula Hauser, who were joined in 2000 by Partner and President Marc Payot and CEO Ewan Venters in 2020. A family business with a global outlook, Hauser & Wirth has spaces in Hong Kong, London, New York, Southampton, Los Angeles, Somerset, Menorca, Monaco, Zurich, Gstaad, and St. Moritz. The gallery represents over 90 artists and estates who have been instrumental in shaping its identity, and who are the inspiration for Hauser & Wirth's diverse range of activities that engage with art, education, conservation, and sustainability.

Their committed and long-term support of Hospital Rooms has enabled the charity to continue its ambitious mission to bring the highest quality art and creative programming to some of the most challenging mental health settings.

### About Bonhams

Bonhams, founded in 1793, is one of the world's largest and most renowned auctioneers, offering fine art and collectables, collectors' cars and a luxury division, which includes jewellery, designer fashion, watches, wine, and whisky. In 2021 and 2022, Bonhams made a number of important acquisitions which form the wider Bonhams network. These include: Bukowskis, Bruun Rasmussen, Bonhams Skinner, and Bonhams Cornette de Saint Cyr.

There are 14 salerooms around the globe: UK: New Bond Street, London; Knightsbridge, London; Edinburgh. US: New York, Los Angeles, Boston, Marlborough. Hong Kong: Admiralty. France: Avenue Hoche, Paris; Rue de la Paix, Paris. Belgium: Brussels; Denmark: Copenhagen. Sweden: Stockholm and Australia: Sydney

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