

Press Release

We Love 77

20 Feb – 21 March 2010

Open daily 12-6pm

WW Gallery pop-up venue:

The Merchant's Hall, 46 Essex Road, N1 8LN

(entrance on Packington Street)



WW Gallery presents *We Love 77*, an exhibition of 77 paintings by artist duo Sardine & Tobleroni, chronicling the evolution of punk rock, with special appearances from the legendary Don Letts and punk rock icon Poly Styrene of X-ray Spex, plus screenings of major punk documentaries, surprise gigs and many of the featured musicians in attendance at the London launch.

This is the first major UK solo exhibition for Sardine & Tobleroni, who describe their practice as 'Conceptual Art Brut'. Sardine & Tobleroni were inspired to embark on their series in 2005 when *Mojo* ran a special Punk Issue called *77 Punk Smashers*. The paintings include The Clash, X-ray Spex, Sex Pistols, Ramones, Buzzcocks, MC5, The Stooges, Patti Smith, New York Dolls, Siouxsie and the Banshees, Sham 69, The Damned, Joy Division and Black Flag, to name a few.

For many 1977 was the definitive year of Punk, but this exhibition also features influential bands from the early American precursors like the Stooges, to contemporary bands like the Libertines. The result is the first art exhibition of its kind and a monumental tribute by the artists to one of the most exciting eras in the history of popular culture.

To launch the exhibition, British film director and musician Don Letts - original house DJ at the Roxy, where the first Punks congregated - will play a set, and Poly Styrene, often described as the voice of 77, will be introducing her film *X-ray Spex Live at the Roundhouse 2008*. To give further context to the paintings, there will be a series of documentary screenings, including *The History of the Clash*, Don Letts' *PUNK: attitude*, Zillah Minx's *She's a Punk Rocker UK* and much more.

For further information, please contact Chiara Williams or Debra Wilson at wwgallery@gmail.com or 07531342128 or visit <http://www.wilsonwilliamsgallery.com>. Attendance to the launch on Fri 19 Feb is by RSVP only, to rsvpwwgallery@gmail.com

Diary of events

Launch Fri 19 Feb 5-10pm (attendance by rsvp only to rsvpwwgallery@gmail.com)

5-6.30pm Press/Collectors Preview
6.30-7pm Curators Debra Wilson & Chiara Williams introduce the show and artists Sardine & Tobleroni
7-8pm DJ set with legendary musician and film director Don Letts
8-9pm Punk rock icon Poly Styrene of X-ray Spex introduces her film *X-ray Spex Live at the Roundhouse London 2008*

Film Screenings

Sat 20 Feb 2pm *PUNK: attitude* a film by Don Letts (Part 1) (courtesy of Fremantlemedia Ltd)
Sun 21 Feb 2pm *The History of the Clash* (courtesy of Eagle Rock Entertainment Ltd)
Sat 27 Feb 2pm *PUNK: attitude* a film by Don Letts (Part 2) (courtesy of Fremantlemedia Ltd)
Sun 28 Feb 2pm *X-ray Spex live at the Roundhouse London 2008* (courtesy of Future Noise Music Ltd)

Time Out First Thursdays 4 March 6-9pm

6.45pm Screening of Zillah Minx's *She's A Punk Rocker UK*
7.30pm Q&A with director Zillah Minx, lead singer of 70s punk band Rubella Ballet
8.00pm Ginette Baker Q&A and reading from her new book
It Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time: Memoirs of a Rock Star's Daughter 1974 – 1987

Closing Party Saturday 20 March 5-10pm

Final celebration with music and surprise guests
Shock & Soul *We Love 77* Fashion Show
Auction of *We Love 77* collectables
Draw for the *We Love 77* MC jacket (tickets on sale throughout the show)

Last chance to see the show Sunday 21 March 12-6pm

