

# CHEERIO: 48 hours with Francis Bacon



CHEERIO, in collaboration with Tristan Hoare and the Estate of Francis Bacon

This April, Tristan Hoare invites Londoners to immerse themselves in the world of CHEERIO. The free, 48-hour long exhibition includes work by Francis Bacon and that of writers, artists and filmmakers including Jeremy Deller, Bella Freud, DBC Pierre and James Birch.

CHEERIO – a publisher and production company launched in association with The Estate of Francis Bacon – will host the two-day event in collaboration with Tristan Hoare. The exhibition marks CHEERIO's launch and the publication of *BIG SNAKE LITTLE SNAKE* by DBC Pierre.

CHEERIO's name is a nod to Bacon's favourite drinking toast, and the programme will feature an eclectic mix of readings, exhibits and short films designed to intrigue, disturb and thrill.

Alongside some major artwork from Bacon's Estate and a pop-up, Bacon-inspired bookshop from Hatchards, visitors can expect a line-up including:

- ◆ A free lunchtime live poetry session in collaboration with The White Review and Offord Road Books, featuring young poets including **A. K. Blakemore**, **Sarah Fletcher** and **Niall McDevitt**.
- ◆ A ticketed in-conversation between novelist **David Keenan** and **DBC Pierre**.
- ◆ A ticketed in-conversation between acclaimed journalist, broadcaster and novelist **Dolly Alderton** and curator **James Birch** about love, art, time and place, to mark the publication of his memoir *BACON IN MOSCOW*: an account of Birch's audacious quest to mount the ground-breaking Francis Bacon exhibition in Moscow in 1988, when he found himself not only the subject of a honey-trap, but also the focus of the KGB and a picaresque and shady cast of officials, attachés and politicians.
- ◆ Displays created exclusively for the occasion, curated by CHEERIO writers and artists including **Jeremy Deller**, **Bella Freud**, **DBC Pierre** and **James Birch**.

*According to Francis Bacon, 'The job of the artist is always to deepen the mystery'. We have curated this 48-hour event to provide exactly that, with elements that will amuse, fascinate and entertain Bacon fans and enquiring minds with an artist bent.*

— Clare Conville and Harriet Vyner, co-founders of CHEERIO.

## Listings & Information

### VENUE

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### OPENING TIMES

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1pm-6pm

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 11am-6pm

### EVENTS/PRICING

*Gallery entry*  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1-6pm  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 11am-6pm  
**Free**

*Live poetry session in collaboration with The White Review and Offord Road Books*  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1:30-2pm  
**Free**

*In-conversation between David Keenan and DBC Pierre*  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 6:45pm (doors 6:15pm)  
**£20 to include a copy of *BIG SNAKE LITTLE SNAKE***  
[Book tickets](#)

*In-conversation between Dolly Alderton and James Birch*  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 6:45pm (doors 6:15pm)  
**£25 to include a copy of *BACON IN MOSCOW***  
[Book tickets](#)

## Notes to Editors

**TRISTAN HOARE** is a multi-layered gallery founded in 2009, focusing on both young and established artists working in photography, glass, painting and ceramics. A yearly group show combines works from BC to present day and exhibitions focus on storytelling with the aim of connecting with seasoned collectors and people less familiar with the art world. The gallery is located in a Grade I listed Georgian house.  
[tristanhoaregallery.co.uk](http://tristanhoaregallery.co.uk)

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**CHEERIO** is an eclectic, independent publishing imprint and production company launched in 2020 in partnership with The Estate of Francis Bacon. We commission innovative books and films that confound received ideas and open the door to new perceptions, aiming to disturb, thrill and intrigue. The exciting mix of fiction and non-fiction, drama and factual, appeals to enquiring minds with an artistic bent. The name is a nod to Bacon's favourite drinking toast.  
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