Art & Design

From Damien Hirst to Stella McCartney, we pick six of the best shows in April

Damien Hirst

4 April to 9 September 2012 Tate Modern, London

This exhibition is the first major survey of Damien Hirst's work to be held in the UK. Bringing together more than 70 of the artist's seminal pieces, the exhibition will include sculptures such as The Physical Impossibility of Death in the Mind of Someone Living, in which he suspended a shark in formaldehyde, and Mother and Child Divided, a four-part sculpture of a bisected cow and calf. Alongside these sculptures will be paintings made throughout Hirst's career from his spot, spin, butterfly and fly series. In addition, two major installations will be on view: In and Out of Love 1991, and Pharmacy 1992.

Tate Modern, Bankside, London, SE1 9TG. Opening hours: Sunday to Thursday 10am-6pm, Friday and Saturday 10am-10pm. Admission: adults £14, concessions £12.20. www.tate.org.uk/modern



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Charline von Heyl

Until 27 May 2012 **Tate Liverpool**

Distinctive, imaginative and always surprising, Charline von Heyl's work offers a fresh and exciting approach to the world of abstract art. Von Heyl is at the forefront of a new generation of abstract painters who have rejected late modernism's emphasis on a singular signature style. Often employing unconventional painting methods and actively resisting a single style or vision, she has constantly reinvented painting, and been at the forefront of the resurgence in painting that started in the 1980s. This is the first major UK exhibition of her work, featuring more than 40 large canvasses and a number of unique works on paper, the exhibition explores von Heyl's work from 1990-2011. Tate Liverpool, Albert Dock, Liverpool, L3 4BB. Opening hours: daily 10am-5pm. Admission: adults £7.20, concessions £5.40. children free. www.tate.org.uk/liverpool

Charline von Heyl, Lack and Excess 2011 Acrylic on linen, 508 x 457 mm

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Glamour / Sport and Fashion

Until 30 December 2012 Fashion Museum, Bath

There are two exhibitions running at the Fashion Museum this year. Glamour is a dazzling new display of eveningwear fashion from the past 100 years. Featuring 22 show-stopping evening gowns and cocktail dresses, Glamour presents a glittering array of sumptuous silks and bejewelled creations by British designers, including dresses by Norman Hartnell, Hardy Amies, Michael Sherard and Zandra Rhodes. In the year of the 2012 Olympics, Sport and Fashion examines the close connection between active sportswear and fashion by showcasing examples of historic sportswear from the museum collection alongside modern fashions and the very best of today's sportswear. There are Victorian riding habits, 1920s' tennis dresses and the latest sportswear from Pam Hogg, Vivienne Westwood and Stella McCartney. Fashion Museum, Assembly Rooms, Bennett Street, Bath, BA1 2QH. Opening hours: daily 10.30am-5pm. Admission: adults £7.50, concessions £6.75, children £5.50. nu museumofcostume.co.uk

Hidden Heroes

Until 5 June 2012

Science Museum, London

Hidden Heroes looks at how creativity, science and nroblem solving lead to the design of everyday objects problem as the tea bag, paper clip, post-it notes and bubble wrap. Many of the 36 chosen objects have remained maltered for many years. All are constantly used and demonstrate a simple, ingenious design. In some cases. the success of each product reflects changes in cultural and industrial history: the pencil suggests the spread of education and writing and the tin can illustrates the industrialisation of food production. The featured inventions are presented alongside original sketches and drawings by their inventors – illustrating the process from idea to final object. Patent specifications and original advertisements reveal the efforts made to establish each product. The exhibition also reflects the ways in which these objects continue to provide inspiration to others.

grience Museum, Exhibition Road, South Kensington Iondon, SW7 2DD. Opening hours: daily 10am-6pm. Admission: adults £6, students and children £3,50. www.sciencemuseum.org.uk



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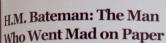
Mark Stringer & Rita Says: Into the Ordinary 6 to 29 April 2012

Hundred Years Gallery, London

A thoughtful and thought-provoking show by Mark Stringer and Rita Says. The exhibition features films, paintings, drawings, sculpture, and writings, that celebrate the everyday and the ordinary. This body of work, by way of recording unremarkable events, invites us to embrace and celebrate all that is normally considered to be of little consequence. The films made by the pair over the past 10 years hark back to the earliest days of video art. Mark Stringer and Rita Says are both performance artists and filmmakers based in London. This gallery also sells books and coffee, so drop in if you're doing a tour of the art scene in Shoreditch.

Hundred Years Gallery, 13 Pearson Street. Shoreditch, London, E2 8JD. Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday 11am-6pm. Admission: free. www.hundredyearsgallery.com

Most Certainly Absolutely Yes, video still @ Mark Stringer



April to 22 July 2012

The Cartoon Museum, London

HM. Bateman (1887-1970) is acknowledged as the first modern master Reitish cartooning. This major retrospective features more than 120 vivinal cartoons on the themes of work, leisure and sport, suburbia, and fourse the social faux pas that was the basis for his great series The Man who, drawings, which appeared in Tatler in the 1920s and 1930s. His wite observation of social nuances have given his cartoons their enduring uneal and made him such an influence on later generations. Artists such Ronald Searle, Ralph Steadman, John Jensen and Steve Bell have all ded him as an inspiration.

To Cartoon Museum, 35 Little Russell Street, London, WC1A 2HH. Opening ours: Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm, Sunday 12pm-5.30pm mission: adults £5.50, £4, under-18s free. www.cartoonmuseum.org Ramed Book © H M Bateman designs

