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**JULIAN OPIE EDITIONS RETROSPECTIVE AT THE ALAN CRISTEA GALLERY, 9 JUNE – 9 JULY 2011**

**Exhibition to coincide with publication of Editions Catalogue Raisonné**



London: The Alan Cristea Gallery will stage a major retrospective of Julian Opie's editions from 9 June to 9 July to coincide with the publication of an editions Catalogue Raisonné. Julian Opie's highly distinctive depictions of the modern world are created in an extraordinary variety of media; this exhibition will present the most innovative and exciting editions that Opie has produced, and chart the development of his work from the early very reductive landscapes and portraits, to silhouettes, animations, lenticulars and LED animations. The 300 page Catalogue Raisonné, with an introduction by

Jonathan Watkins, director of the IKON gallery, Birmingham, will provide authoritative documentation of every edition he has produced to date.

Opie has always strived to break down what he believes to be the illogical barriers set up between painting and design, and sculpture and objects – his printmaking and production of editions play a central role in this philosophy. Drawing from influences as diverse as billboard signs, 18th Century portraiture, Tintin comics, graveyards and Japanese woodblock prints, Opie 'paints' using a vast array of media and technologies. His works have been realised in silkscreen, vinyl, LCD, LED, lenticular and flocking, and he continues to push the boundaries of 'traditional' artistic practice.

Born in London in 1958, Julian Opie studied at Goldsmith's College of Art from 1979 to 1982 and is one of the UK's best known contemporary artists, exhibiting widely both nationally and internationally. His editions can be found in many

public collections worldwide including The Victoria and Albert Museum, London, The British Museum, The Tate Gallery, London and MoMA, New York.

The Alan Cristea Gallery is the worldwide exclusive publisher of all of Opie's limited edition prints and animations. To view his online shop click [www.julianopieshop.com](http://www.julianopieshop.com)

**Exhibition Information:**

Title: Julian Opie Editions Retrospective  
Address: Alan Cristea Gallery: 31 & 34 Cork Street, London W1S 3NU  
Website: [www.alancristea.com](http://www.alancristea.com)  
Dates and Times: 9 June – 9 July; 10am-5.30pm Mon-Fri, 11am-2pm Sat  
Admission: Free  
Nearest Tube: Piccadilly, Green Park or Bond Street

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