



## Press Release

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### Subterraneans Exhibition

## Beat Influences on Contemporary Art, including works by: Yoko Ono, Bonnie & Clyde, Roy Lichtenstein, Sam Taylor-Wood and Nat Finkelstein.

*Exhibition Duration 21 November - 5 December 2014*

*Subterraneans* is an exhibition which explores how aspects of Beat culture have influenced visual art and design and includes work by established artists and young unknowns, recent graduates and the long dead, artists and designers who have all in some way come under the spell or influence of Beat culture in the 1940's and 1950's.

This exhibition includes a hugely diverse range of artists, designers, photographers, illustrators and printmakers, from the UK, the USA, Canada, Colombia, Romania, Sweden, China, Holland and Ireland; and consists of paintings, drawings, collage, video, photography, prints, recordings, books and ephemera. The exhibition will be accompanied by a paperback catalogue.

This high profile exhibition features a piece of work by Yoko Ono, multimedia artist who was widely recognised as the second wife and widow of John Lennon, but also well known for her work in avant-garde art and she did a performance piece at Leeds College of Art in 1966. The work shown in the exhibition has been taken from the Leeds College of Art Collection, Mend Piece for John, from 1968 consisting of materials and instructions for repairing a broken cup with "this glue and this poem in three stanzas dedicated to John."

### Press Invite

Press are invited to Blenheim Walk Gallery, **Private View on Thursday 20 November 2014, from 17.00-19.00.**

The preview will include American craft beers, wine, soda and popcorn and there will be poetry and performance during the event. There will be a musical piece from Jesse Kauppila, who is flying over from Pennsylvania especially for the exhibition.

If you'd like to attend **please RSVP** to: Emma Morris, PR & Communications Officer at [emma.morris@leeds-art.ac.uk](mailto:emma.morris@leeds-art.ac.uk) or call 0113 202 8044.

### Editor's Notes

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For full list of the exhibiting artists and Subterraneans Catalogue <http://www.leeds-art.ac.uk/news-events/events-exhibitions/2014/11/21/subterraneans/>

The exhibition will run from 21<sup>st</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December at Leeds College of Art's Blenheim Walk Building, Leeds, LS2 9AQ.