

## BARRY REIGATE

**Born 1971 in London, UK**  
**Lives and works in London**

Barry Reigate's practice comprises of an engagement with cultural exhaustion and an inevitably doomed attempt to find an escape from the impasse imposed by our present historical conditions through the imagined freedom of play.

The work takes its initial cues from both the overloaded world of our consumer culture and the equally crowded landscape of post-war Modern and contemporary art. With the latter partially and lamely mirroring the former, both exhibit the over-familiar recycling and re-formation of images, signs and symbols to create a seemingly endless supply of new iterations of consumable items, whether material or immaterial. Invoking the spirit of the first, darker and critical, flourishing of Pop Art and combining that with the tactics of formal repetition employed in various strands of Conceptual and Minimal Art, Reigate has developed a language that, with calculated coolness, manifests the degenerate and terminal stage of our visual culture.

### Education

1995-97 MA Fine Art, Goldsmiths University, London, UK  
1990-93 BA Graphic Design and Fine Art, Camberwell College of Arts, London, UK  
1999-90 BTEC National Diploma in Graphic Design, Croydon College of Arts, Surrey, UK

### Solo Exhibitions

2011 *Equation*, Paradise Row, London, UK  
2009 *Almost*, Nang Gallery, London, UK  
2008 *Happiness*, Paradise Row, London, UK  
2006 *The End of Communism*, Trolley Gallery, London, UK  
2004 *UnHolyVoid*, private warehouse space, London, UK

### Group Exhibitions

2011 *Saatchi Gallery in Adelaide: British Art Now*, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia  
2010 *Trajector Art fair*, Hotel Bloom, Brussels, Belgium  
*Rude Britannia: British Comic Art*, Tate Gallery, London, UK  
*Newspeak: British Art Now*, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK  
*Lexicon*, Camberwell Space, London, UK  
2009 *Newspeak: British Art Now*, State Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg, RUS  
*Play*, Paradise Row and Prakke Contemporary, London, UK

- Natural Wonders: New Art From London*, Baibakov Art Projects, Moscow, RUS  
*Art Rotterdam*, c/o Paradise Row, NL
- 2008 *LA BETE OR OBJECT OF DESIRE*, T1+2, Gallery Annex Projects, London, UK
- 2007 *Zelda Rubinstein*, Paradise Row at Princelet St., London, UK
- 2006 *Only when the excoriated ruins of human endeavour litter the scorched horizon shall the meek inherit the earth...* Chapman Fine Arts, London, UK  
*Canon*, The Agency Gallery, London, UK  
*Cannibal Ferox*, Paradise Row, London, UK
- 2005 *Flies Around the Fury Flotsam*, CuratorSpace, London, UK
- 2003 *Did you hear about the frog who wanted to be a prince? He went to bed and dreamed he was one...woke up and found that he had become one. He was still a frog.*, Egg Club, London, UK
- 1998 *Sociable Realism*, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK