

# Scott Campbell Whole Glory London

Private View: Thursday 6th October 6:30-9pm

Exhibition runs: Friday 7th October – Sunday 9th October 2016

Location: 26 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London WC2E 8NA

**Lazarides presents Scott Campbell's Whole Glory mystery tattoo project and brand new series of artworks in Covent Garden this October**



Lazarides Gallery presents tattoo artist Scott Campbell's notorious Whole Glory project in London for the very first time this October. The project will see Campbell tattoo a mystery design onto the arms of randomly selected participants during Frieze, from 7-9th October, in Covent Garden's Henrietta Street.

"Anyone who wants can stick their arm through a hole and I will tattoo it. I apply whatever design I feel the appendage needs, and the recipient has no insight as to what it is until it is completed and they pull their arm out of the hole. There is no communication and no contact other than the tattoo.

"It's a chance for people to not take their physical selves too seriously, and take part in an exchange of faith that will literally change who they are for the rest of their life." – Scott Campbell

Campbell, who has tattooed Heath Ledger, Marc Jacobs, Orlando Bloom and Courtney Love, will permanently ink the arms of those selected through a daily in-person lottery. The project involves participants placing their arm through a hole in a wall and being inked by the legendary tattoo artist for free, on the condition they have no involvement with what the tattoo will be.

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Campbell will also debut a new body of work that has taken two years to create: a collection of fifteen tattooed pig skin 'quilts' encased in stainless steel frames in liquid preservative. Each composition is stitched together, specimens of poetry in flesh, Frankenstein-like assemblages of skin that the artist has engraved with inscrutable precision. The tattoos themselves provide a feast of emotions, with carnal themes of love, contest, loss and death, spiced with prayers and hope.

Scott Campbell's first leg of his Whole Glory project took place in November 2015 over a four day session at New York's Milk Studios. Campbell then restaged the project in LA in June 2016 and, most recently, in Moscow at the Garage Museum of Contemporary Art in September 2016.

First lottery drawing at 11am.

Entries for the lotteries will start at 10am.

There will be 6 lottery drawings per day.

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### **About Scott Campbell**

Louisiana-born, LA-based Scott Campbell is known throughout the world as being one of the most talented hands in the world of tattooing. After abandoning a career as a biochemist at the University of Texas, he fled to San Francisco, and began tattooing. He learned the craft at Picture Machine, one of the oldest shops in California, rich with stories and nicotine stained flash on the walls from it's heyday in the 60's and 70's.

He now owns and operates the legendary Saved Tattoo in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, whose client list includes New York's art and design elite, fashion designers such as Marc Jacobs, and a long roster of celebrities including Heath Ledger, Josh Hartnett, Orlando Bloom, Helena Christensen, and Penelope Cruz. In recent years, he has gained much acclaim from fine art communities worldwide for his work in mediums other than skin, including intricately carved sculptures made out of US currency, a series of watercolour paintings based on his experiences during a 6 week stay in a maximum security prison in Mexico City, and graphite drawings done on the insides of eggshells.

Campbell has only shown in galleries for a few years, but his work is already seen in some of the most revered collections and museums worldwide. He is celebrated as one of the brightest new voices in the New York art scene.

[www.scottcampbellstudio.com](http://www.scottcampbellstudio.com)

**About Lazarides**

Lazarides is one of the foremost galleries in contemporary art, directed by Steve Lazarides and representing over 40 artists from across the world.

Lazarides works with a motley mix of artists, each with their own story to tell, who refuse to be categorised and who share Steve's grit and resolve for showmanship. From spray painting to taxidermy, electrical installations to wall pastings, Lazarides' artists and their shows are renowned for their defiant staging and contemporary art world rule-breaking.

The gallery has represented a number of long-standing artists since their artistic infancies, including 3D, Jonathan Yeo, JR and Vhils, while equally nurturing young and undiscovered talent traced from Brazil, Israel, France, China, the USA and the UK.

Lazarides Rathbone in Fitzrovia is Lazarides' flagship gallery and is set in a four storey Georgian townhouse. Lazarides is widely recognised for its dramatic off site, off kilter events and theatrical group shows in major cities like New York, Los Angeles, and in London's Old Vic Tunnels.

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**About Covent Garden**

Covent Garden is one of the most distinct and vibrant estates in London. The district is now home to Chanel, Dior, Balthazar and Ivy Market Grill and has recently unveiled some of the finest residential properties in London.

Henrietta Street in Covent Garden is home to cult menswear brands including Nigel Cabourn, Real McCoys, Albam and Edwin. Covent Garden has long hosted artistic interventions and commissioned temporary public works of art. Previous collaborations include Charles Pétillon, who last year filled the Market Building with 100,000 balloons, Alex Chinneck, Damien Hirst, Jeff Koons and Sam Taylor-Johnson.

Capital & Counties Properties PLC ('Capco') is responsible for the management and curation of over 1 million sq. ft. of space at Covent Garden valued at £2.1 billion (as at 30 June 2016). Under Capco's stewardship, Covent Garden has been transformed into a world-class destination, welcoming over 44 million customer visits a year.

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