#### Press Release

# Love is the Devil

#### Studies after Francis Bacon

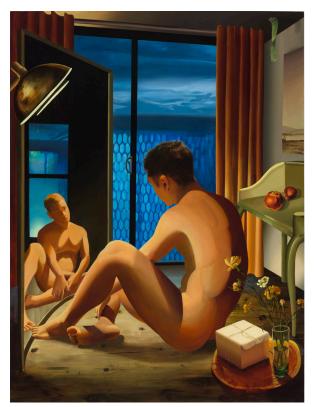
#### 4 - 26 February 2022

Marlborough presents *Love is the Devil: Studies after Francis Bacon.* In light of a major exhibition dedicated to Britain's greatest figurative painter at the Royal Academy of Arts, the show will present a selection of works by contemporary artists whose practices resonate with Bacon's idiosyncratic approach to the depiction of the human form. The works are united by an underlying compulsion to pull apart idealised notions in favour of a more complex, layered and highly personal experience, while channelling the performative elements of character and a sensuality that Bacon would have recognised.

As David Sylvester noted in 1998: 'The two sexes met in Francis Bacon, more than in any other human being I have encountered. At moments he was one of the most feminine of men, at others one of the most masculine. He would switch between these roles as suddenly and unpredictably as the switching of a light. That duality did more than anything perhaps to make his presence so famously seductive and compelling and to make him so peculiarly wise and realistic in his observation of life.'

Exploring traditional tropes of masculinity in a landscape of constantly fluctuating gender politics, the show raises questions around pain, sexuality, adulthood, manhood and identity which are still as urgent today as they were in Bacon's time.

Simeon Barclay Lydia Blakeley Shannon Bono William Brickel Lindsey Bull Kyle Dunn Louis Fratino Louise Giovanelli Rafik Greiss Alexander James Laura Lancaster Josh Raz Sophie Ruigrok Alfie Rouy Adrian Schachter Luke Silva Morgan Wills Nana Wolke



Kyle Dunn, *Birthday*, 2021, 122 x 91.5 cm. Courtesy of Kyle Dunn and P·P·O·W, New York



Luke Silva, *Pursuit*, 2021, watercolour on canvas, 130 x 100 cm

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#### Gallery 2

Shannon Bono Opposing Forces II 2021 oil acrylic and spray paint on canvas 150 x 160 cm 59 x 63 in.

Shannon Bono Opposing Forces 2021 oil, acrylic, and spray paint on canvas  $80 \times 80 \text{ cm}$  $31 \frac{1}{2} \times 31 \frac{1}{2}$  in.

Laura Lancaster Silence 2021 acrylic on linen 40 x 50 cm 15 3/4 x 193/4 in.

Laura Lancaster Morning Air 2021 acrylic on linen 40 x 50 cm 15 3/4 x 19 3/4 in.









Nana Wolke Too Fast for Love 2021 oil on linen 190 x 160 cm 74 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 63 in.

Nana Wolke You Can Only Hold a Smile for so Long, After That it's Just Teeth 2021 oil on linen 40.6 x 30.5 cm 16 x 12 in.

Louise Giovanelli Auto-dà-fe 2021 oil on linen  $37.3 \times 22.4 \text{ cm}$ 14 5/8 x 8 7/8 in.

Morgan Wills Growth 2020 oil on canvas 76 x 66 cm 29 7/8 x 26 in.









Morgan Wills *Tree Moving* 2021 oil on canvas 170 x 92 cm 66 7/8 x 36 ¼ in.

Sophie Ruigrok Type one fun (fun now, fun later) 2022 soft pastel on card 20 x 27 cm 7 7/8 x 10 5/8 in.

Sophie Ruigrok *Type two fun (not fun now, fun later)* 2022 soft pastel on card 27 x 17 cm 10 5/8 x 6 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in.

Sophie Ruigrok Type three fun (not fun now, not fun later) 2022 soft pastel on card 73 x 58 cm 28 <sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> x 22 7/8 in.









William Brickel *Two Figures, Chair* 2022 charcoal and conté stick on 300gsm watercolour paper 154.94 x 129.54 cm 61 x 51 in.

Lydia Blakeley Max Power 2020 oil on linen 200 x 150 cm 78 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 59 in.

Francis Bacon *Triptych,* 1992 after the right panel of *Triptych* 1991 aquatint on Fabriano paper, edition of 84 with 26 Artist's Proofs Image: 53 1/8 x 39 3/8 in. / 135 x 100 cm Paper: 64 1/8 x 47 5/8 in. / 163 x 121 cm

Kyle Dunn *Birthday* 2021 acrylic on wooden panel 121.9 x 91.4 cm 48 x 36 in.









Lindsey Bull Statues 2015 oil on linen 98 x 75 cm 38 5/8 x 29 ½ in.

Luke Silva Escape 2022 watercolour on canvas 65 x 75 cm 25 9/16 x 29 1/2 in.

Luke Silva Pursuit 2022 watercolour on canvas 130 x 100 cm 51 3/16 x 39 3/8 in.

Rafik Greiss Limerence 2021 ink jet print Edition of 3 119 x 83.4 cm 46 7/8 x 32 7/8 in.









#### Gallery 3

Alfie Rouy Dancing in the Basket of Light 2022 acrylic on canvas 60 x 65 cm 23 5/8 x 25 5/8 in.

Adrian Schachter acrylic and tempera on

Untitled 2021 canvas 51 x 51 cm 20 1/8 x 20 1/8 in.



Louis Fratino Tom Reclining 2019 oil on canvas 50.8 x 152.4 cm (framed) 20 x 60 in. (framed)

Lindsey Bull Into the Woods 2020 oil on linen 200 x 150 cm 59 x 78 ¾ in.





Josh Raz Joyride 2021 oil on canvas 160 x 180 cm 63 x 71 7/8 in.

Lindsey Bull Eye patch 2021 oil on linen 36 x 30 cm 14 1/8 x 11 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in.

Lindsey Bull Masked 2021 oil on linen 30.5 x 25 cm 12 x 9 7/8 in.

Lindsey Bull Glitter Face 2021 oil on linen 30.5 x 25 cm 12 x 9 7/8 in.









Lindsey Bull Orange jumper 2021 oil on linen 40.5 x 30 cm 16 x 11 ¾ in.

William Brickel The Bullies 2019 watercolour on paper 152 x 170 cm 61 x 67 in.

Luke Silva Pursuit 2022 watercolour on paper 20 x 30 cm 7 7/8 x 11 ¾ in.

Louis Fratino Devil's Head 2020 chalk pastel on paper 15.2 x 14 cm 6 x 5.5 in.









Alexander James Dancing Around The Fire 2022 oil and acrylic on canvas 154 x 195 cm 60 5/8 x 76 ¾ in.

Simeon Barclay *Miss Sophia* 2021 oil on canvas 92 x 66.5 cm 36 x 26 in.



