



Pharmacy 2 open until 2am on Saturdays for 'Summer Lates'

Pharmacy 2 restaurant in Vauxhall will extend its Saturday opening hours until 2am from 30 July. The restaurant is also launching a new cocktail menu and will play host to live DJs every Saturday night throughout the summer.

Situated above Newport Street Gallery, Damien Hirst's restaurant opened in collaboration with Mark Hix in February of this year. The restaurant's extended hours coincide with Newport Street's 'Summer Lates' programme, where the gallery – currently showing Jeff Koons, 'Now' (18 May – 16 October 2016) – remains open until 10pm every Saturday night.

To accompany 'Summer Lates', the restaurant will serve a full dinner menu until 10:30pm. A shorter selection of light bites will be available from 10pm until the early hours, including: *cuttlefish croquettes*; *chicken popcorn*; *crispy salmon skin with whipped smoked salmon*; and *chips with curry sauce*. Surrounded by site-specific Hirst artwork including Medicine Cabinets and butterfly Kaleidoscope paintings, guests can enjoy a seasonal range of cocktails in association with Black Cow vodka. Happy hour starts at 10pm and will be accompanied by a live DJ set.

Serving classic British and European food, the menu at Pharmacy 2 reflects Hix and Hirst's shared passion for quality food made from fresh ingredients.

Newport Street Gallery is the realisation of Hirst's long-term ambition to share his art collection with the public. Entry to the gallery, which is currently showing a solo exhibition of work by American artist Jeff Koons (b.1955), is free. While the gallery itself will continue to host exhibitions of other artists' work, Pharmacy 2 gives visitors the opportunity to view some of Hirst's own art, which here reflects his interest in science, medicine and pharmaceuticals.

'Now' is the first major UK exhibition to be devoted to Jeff Koons since the Serpentine Gallery's 2009 show, 'Jeff Koons: Popeye Series'. Spanning thirty-five years of the artist's career, the exhibition at Newport Street Gallery

features thirty-six paintings, works on paper and sculptures dating from 1979 to 2014. The show includes iconic works from Koons's series *Inflatables*, *The New*, *Equilibrium*, *Luxury and Degradation*, *Made in Heaven*, *Popeye*, and *Hulk Elvis*, amongst others. Drawn from Hirst's collection, a number of these works have never before been shown in the UK.

Dinner reservations are not essential but are recommended, and can be made at www.pharmacyrestaurant.com or by calling 0203 141 9333.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Every Saturday Newport Street Gallery is open from 10am-10pm (last entry at 9:45pm). 'Summer Lates' at Pharmacy 2 will run from 10pm-2am (starting Saturday 30 July) until the close of the Jeff Koons show on 16 October.

Pharmacy 2 restaurant will be open all-day as usual, serving breakfast / brunch, lunch and dinner.

About Pharmacy 2

Damien Hirst's new restaurant, in collaboration with the pioneer of British cooking Mark Hix, launched at Newport Street Gallery in Vauxhall, London in late February 2016. The restaurant serves classic British and European food, catering for visitors to the exhibitions throughout the day, and evening diners when the gallery is closed. The restaurant's name Pharmacy 2, is a reference both to the artist's seminal installation piece of 1992 and the renowned Hirst-designed Notting Hill restaurant, Pharmacy Restaurant & Bar, which was open from 1998 until 2003.

About Newport Street Gallery

Newport Street Gallery, which opened in Lambeth, south London, in October 2015 features exhibitions of work from Damien Hirst's personal art collection. Entry to the gallery is free. Exhibitions at Newport Street Gallery will vary between single artist and group shows. Jeff Koons, the second exhibition at Newport Street Gallery, will run until 16 October 2016.

Newport Street Gallery is situated 400m from the River Thames and a short walk from Tate Britain. The gallery is within a 15-minute walk of Westminster, Vauxhall and Lambeth North London Underground stations.

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