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PRESS RELEASE:

Newport Street Gallery presents group exhibition of work from the Murderme Collection

The short display will open on 29th March following extension of Gavin Turk show by one week until 26th March

Newport Street Gallery is pleased to announce a short exhibition displaying a selection of works taken from the Murderme Collection, Damien Hirst's collection of over 3,000 works by other artists (29th March to 17th April). The works will be exhibited across two of Newport Street's six gallery spaces, whilst the rest of the gallery is closed for the change-over between *Gavin Turk: Who, What, When, Where, How & Why*, and *Ashley Bickerton: Ornamental Hysteria*, opening 21st April 2017.

The interim exhibition will include a selection of around 20 works. A significant number of Hirst's contemporaries will be represented, including Angus Fairhurst and Michael Landy, who exhibited in the seminal student exhibition 'Freeze', organised by Hirst in 1988. Also featured will be works by a number of emerging artists, such as Sadie Laska and John Copeland, as well as giants of twentieth-century art, such as Richard Hamilton.

The gallery is also delighted to announce that *Gavin Turk: Who, What, When, Where, How & Why* has been extended by one week and will now be closing on 26th March 2017. Opened on 26th November 2016, this is the first major solo exhibition of work by British artist Gavin Turk to be presented since 2002.

Newport Street Gallery is the realisation of Hirst's long-term ambition to share his extensive collection of art with the public. In October 2016, the gallery was awarded the respected RIBA Stirling Prize for the UK's best new building of the year.

The restaurant at Newport Street Gallery, Pharmacy 2, will remain open throughout this period, including Bank Holiday Monday, 17th April.

Entry to all exhibitions is free.

Notes to editors

About Newport Street Gallery

Newport Street Gallery opened in Vauxhall, south London, in October 2015. Spanning five buildings, the gallery presents solo or group exhibitions of work drawn from Damien Hirst's

extensive art collection, which he has been building since the late 1980s. Hirst's interest in curating dates back to the beginning of his artistic career and his organisation of the groundbreaking 'Freeze' exhibition in south London in 1988.

On the opening of the gallery, Hirst said: *"I've always loved art and art deserves to be shown in great spaces, so I've always dreamed of having my own gallery where I can exhibit work by the artists I love. I believe art should be experienced by as many people as possible and I've felt guilty owning work that is stored away in boxes where no one can see it, so having a space where I can put on shows from the collection is a dream come true."*

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Opening times:

Tuesday – Sunday 10am – 6pm

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