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Chardian Nan Goldin to Nil Yalter: 10 must-see shows at London gallery weekend

Commercial galleries across the capital open their doors to showcase work by their most important artists, from American football and fountains to porn theatres and Palestine Skye Sherwin | Tue 28 May 2024 11.07 EDT

This weekend (and beyond), commercial galleries all over the city will be showcasing work by their most important artists – and admission is free. Here are 10 great shows to drop in on if you're in the capital, from a film by Nan Goldin to images of Palestinian youth.



Kiki Kogelnik, Bomb for Alfonso. Photograph: Jonathan_Nesteruk/© Kiki Kogelnik Foundation. All rights reserved

Kiki Kogelnik: The Dance

In the late Kiki Kogelnik's paintings and sculptures, floating female silhouettes and celestial orbs have a bold billboard appeal and come in solid candy hues. Yet spend time with her flattened fragmented people and her vision of the future looks less than bright. This show focuses on space travel's potential for freedom and alarm. From her outlines of people cut from smooth shiny vinyls to bodies adorned with kitschy love hearts, Kogelnik suggests that human depth risks being lost in a technologised world. The weekend's special exhibition tour guides include top Polish artist Paulina Olowska, a Kogelnik fan whose work has also drawn on imagery from women's magazines.