

London's new art power list

Meet the 31 movers, shakers and picture-makers reinvigorating the city's art scene

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It goes without saying that our dear city has long been home to some of the most creative, innovative thinkers around, nurturing and bolstering everyone from the YBAs to the authoritative figures steering some of the globe's most influential galleries.

But here at ES, we believe it's time to acknowledge the newer, lesser known and overlooked champions shaping modern London with their voices, canvasses and belief in underrepresented talent. So without further ado, let us introduce the 31 influential movers, shakers and picture makers you need to get to know now.



GEORGE ROUY

In the words of ES Magazine editor, Ben Cobb: 'I wish I'd snapped his work up sooner.' Eccentric ex-model Rouy's hazy, abstract bodies and soft-focus faces communicate movement and the relatable blur of human memory with fervent energy. Due to unprecedented demand, he's already published a book of selected works from his career so far (2017-2023). What's next? We wait with baited breath...