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Fortnum & Mason to host John Bellany retrospective

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Fortnum & Mason X Frank 2016 teaser. Image credit: Fortnum & Mason

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British retailer Fortnum & Mason is turning parts of its famed Piccadilly department store into an art gallery.

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For the in-store art installations Fortnum & Mason has paired for the second year in a row with art collector Frank Cohen. While last year's effort displayed more than 60 works by contemporary artists ahead of the Frieze London Art Fair ([see story](#)), the 2017 edition will highlight the portfolio of Scotland's John Bellany.

Fortnum's gallery

Fortnum & Mason's art collaboration, dubbed Fortnum's X Frank, will run from Sept. 18 until Oct. 18 and will take up space in different parts of the retailer's flagship.

During the in-store residency, 50 works by Mr. Bellany will be displayed. Mr. Bellany made unique contributions to contemporary British painting with a career spanning five decades.

Pieces will be on view in Fortnum & Mason's Piccadilly window displays, facing the Royal Academy, giving all passersby the opportunity to enjoy Mr. Bellany's work.



Promotional image for Fortnum's X Frank 2017. Image credit: Fortnum & Mason

Art by Mr. Bellany will also be shown on Fortnum & Mason's shop floor and the new 3 and 6 bar.

Fortnum's X Frank 2017 is in partnership with Mr. Bellany's estate and was curated by Robert Upstone, the former director of The Fine Art Society and head of modern art at Tate.

The exhibit at Fortnum & Mason's will be the largest exhibition of Mr. Bellany's work since he passed away in 2013.

Mr. Bellany was recently in the news when auctioneer Sotheby's held a sale of the late music icon David Bowie's art collection. The pair were close friends and Mr. Bowie was a major collector of Mr. Bellany's artwork ([see story](#)).



From left to right: Robert Upstone and Frank Cohen. Image credit: Fortnum & Mason

A highlight of the Fortnum's X Frank exhibit is a 1988 self portrait of Mr. Bellany and Mr. Bowie.