



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? ANTHONY PESKINE

**EXHIBITION DATES 30TH APRIL – 17TH MAY
OPEN: THURS – SUN**

**PRIVATE VIEW: TUESDAY 28TH APRIL 6-8pm
THE WASP ROOM**

Tether Studios, 17a Huntingdon St, Nottingham, NG1 3JH

The Wasp Room is pleased to present 'Who Do You Think You Are?', the first UK exhibition by Parisian artist Anthony Peskine.

Adopting and adapting the visual languages of advertising campaigns and with a keen sense of the absurd, Peskine's work is concerned with the predicament of the loser, and how promises are rarely fulfilled.

Peskine seeks to satirise the way in which aspiration and hope are exploited as a manipulative device. He uses his own disappointment and disillusionment to drive a varied artistic practice that ranges from painting and photography, to text pieces, video works and installations.

Offering humorous alternatives to insincere pledges and conceited slogans, mocking intangible fears and superficial aspirations fed by media sensationalism, Peskine's previous work has included large painted recreations of vouchers printed on ticket stubs which had offered "mega savings of 50p", and a series of street-based interventions in which he adapted billboard slogans, including a political campaign by Nicolas Sarkozy, adding his own message "ou pas" (or not); rendering their 'guarantees' contentious and putting their artificial optimism in jeopardy.

Peskine's sharp, sarcastic critiques, though cynical and perhaps even childish at times, offer a strategy to fight disappointment; advocating humour as an effective escape philosophy.

For 'Who Do You Think You Are?', Peskine will be exhibiting a selection of recent works and new pieces, including the deadpan installation 'My Weight in Potato Crisps' and a series of manipulated photo works with bizarre and prophetic narratives.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

Anthony Peskine was born in France on September 20th, 1982. After he graduated from high school in 2000, he got involved in an artistic career, first by drawing, and eventually with multimedia arts. After two years of studying architecture, he joined the Beaux Arts in Paris from which he graduated in 2007.

Since then, Anthony Peskine has taken part in several exhibitions including the group show *Pression à Froid* in October 2007, two art fairs in June and October 2008 (Mulhouse 008 and Jeune Création in Paris) and another group show *Mieux vaut être un virus que tomber malade*.

Peskine likes to work alongside other artists such as Nazheli Perrot, Cyril Aboucaya, Bérengère Hénin and his older brother Alexis Peskine. Some of his inspirations can be found in conceptual and Belgian art but most of it comes from movies, supermarkets, adverts, pop culture and celebrities. For more information, visit anthonyeskine.com



Nazheli Perrot & Anthony Peskine – *Remi*, 2008

The Wasp Room Gallery aims to introduce new artists to Nottingham by exhibiting local, national and international contemporary artwork. The gallery will host six shows per year and is open Thursday to Sunday or by appointment.

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