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Take me out :Inside the head of London artist Joe Sweeney

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Photo by Angelica Mandy

Haddock up to here with the state of the art world? Look no further than London artist Joe Sweeney. I'll have a battered cod with a side of Sweeney please. That's what all the kids are ordering these days, well, at least it was last night when Brixton based Crude Boy Joe Sweeney debuted his first solo show at The Cob Gallery in Camden. Entitled 'Take Away' and curated by his friend Jessica Draper, the show comprised of corker titles such as; 'Halal, is it meat you're looking for?' Sweeney is fast becoming the mushroom rice to your chicken tika masala, nothing like a bit of fresh London talent to go oggle at on a dahl day eh?

Joe Sweeney can take us out anyway.

Describe your show at the Cob Gallery in a Haiku poem. Joking. Just describe it...?

It's 8 months of work in't it! It's a show that feeds off that great British past time; people watching. The works not a picture of people though! It's a mix of sculpture, print and installation. One could say, MIXED MEDIA.

What is the worst takeaway you have ever had?

I'm not into that shite! Kidding, love a korma. 'Woaah here she comes she's a naaan eater'. I don't think I've ever been sober enough when I've got a takeaway to tell if it was bad or not.

What's the best food pun that features in your show?

It's gotta be these rubber chicken plastic bags, slapstick much? Halal, is it meat your looking for?

How do you get attention when you want it?

Walk into a room and clear my throat until I receive a warm welcome

What is the worst lie you have told this year?

I don't tell lies LOVE. Korma, I mean KARMA init.

What smell best sums you up?

That figgy Dyptique cologne with a back note of household gloss paint. Well thats what I like to think anyway.

What are you most proud of ?

Everyone's just getting loads done these days. Loved seeing my friends Gea and Nat launch their NEOSS collection. I'm most proud and enjoying seeing things take off with people you've known since 6th form. From the common room to the catwalk.

Screensaver on your phone?

A peking duck in chinatown which I edited into to a tasteful greyscale photo. Quite into the idea of getting those images onto clothes somehow. Help?

What is your biggest regret this year?

Well it's only march, so nothing major. Forgot to take a plastic bag when I went shopping the other day, had to spend 5p didn't I? You can't move for plastic bags in our house.

Who owes you an apology?

You! For running off to Seoul and missing my big opening. You sold your Seoul to the devil.

What is the most difficult thing about being you?

I can't hide in a crowd, I can't hide anywhere. But do I want to?

And the best....

Got some great clothes in at the moment. My mate Byron gave me a suit which makes me look like Mr Blobby's accountant but its great! If I could sew I'd make clothes!

Finish the sentence...I'd like to spend the rest of my life...

Well Kirsty...

My desert island discs moment! (clears throat)

I'd like to spend the rest of my life in my future country/ seaside manor with a well and infinitely stocked red wine cellar. Gotta have a good chippy near by too!

Thanks Joe.

Go see 'Take Away' at The Cob Gallery 205 Royal College St, London NW1 0SG, 22nd March-2nd April