

## 'SPECIAL' ADDITION TO BEANO EXHIBITION

A collaboration between classic children's comic Beano, and artist and legendary 2-tone bassist, Horace Panter has led to a 'Special' addition to the Bash Street's Back at The McMence exhibition in Dundee. The bespoke show celebrating 80 years of Beano has already seen The McManus changing its name to The McMence for the duration of the exhibition and now sees some pop art celebrity added to proceedings, with two works currently on loan from The Specials legend.

In its 80th year, Pop-Artist Panter, bassist of 2-tone band The Specials, has sent the notorious gang of iconic British comic book characters into the worlds of Warhol, Lichtenstein and Hockney in a new collection of paintings and silkscreen prints. Two of these works have now been added to the exhibition at The McMence: Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum.

The pieces took the artist six months to create in his Coventry studio, carefully adding the beloved cartoons into the settings of some of his favourite Pop Art pieces. The pieces in The McMence show Dennis and Gnasher making mischief in Hockney's LA swimming pool and the Bash Street Kids surrounded by Pop Art.

Sinclair Aitken, chair of Leisure & Culture Dundee said

"The McMence exhibition has become the must see show of the summer. Horace has a huge fan base of music fans and this a great opportunity for everyone to see that he is a very talented artist as well. It's also another great opportunity to wish Beano a very happy 80th Birthday in their hometown."



Mike Stirling, Head of Beano Studios Scotland said,

“Horace Panter’s imagination has guaranteed an extra-Special sort of mischief at McMenace for our birthday week. What’s more, the McMenace Summer School: Department of Making a Din will be creating musical instruments and demonstrating how to play them like a Bash Street Kid, at the same time as a music legend is unveiling his own masterpieces! After visitors have rocked McMenace, I’d love them to pop across the road into Beano’s Meadowside HQ, where the rest of Horace’s incredible Beano pop art collection will be on display.”

Of the collaboration, artist Horace Panter said,

“Growing up, there was always Beano around; those characters were an integral part of my childhood. Dennis, Minnie the Minx and, my personal favourites, the Bash Street Kids – street smart, irreverent anti-heroes for the under 12s; when punk rock came along it seemed like the Beano set to music!

I’d like to think the paintings are funny and irreverent, but paying homage to both my favourite artists and to the comic characters. Hope you like them as much as I do. For me, it’s the ultimate labour of love”

‘Bash Street’s Back at The McMenace’ free exhibition at The McManus: Dundee’s Art Gallery & Museum, until Sunday 21 October 2018.