

# THE LIGHTERMAN

## **'The Hollow Man' Exhibition by Felipe Chavez**

**The Lighterman** in King's Cross is a pub, dining room and bar offering three floors of all-day drinking and dining. Well known for its striking design and unique waterside location; The Lighterman has one-of-a-kind alfresco seating on both Regent's Canal and Granary Square, plus a wraparound terrace with stunning views over King's Cross.

*This September, The Lighterman will be launching their first solo exhibition – 'The Hollow Man' – in collaboration with award-winning contemporary artist Felipe Chavez.*

### **About the Exhibition**

'The Hollow Man' will run from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and will feature a range of 17 paintings that will be displayed across all three floors of the restaurant. The exhibition showcases Felipe's recent artistic exploration of Indian ink on paper, combined with his instinctive figurative interest in the human form and how gender and identity may, or may not, be connected to the human experience. All works will be framed and available for sale.

Felipe offers a fresh take on masculinity. He has created a sea of organic, almost anthropomorphic shapes that pay homage to the tangible aspects of the masculine entity. Inspired by knuckles, muscles, hair and other bodily elements, his isolating of man's physical characteristics reveals both an interpretation of what Felipe admires in the human body and poses a challenge to our assumptions of what makes a physical man.

With art exhibitions curated in unique locations, artworks creatively placed in domestic and more informal settings allow the public to act as both a spectator and a guest in the space, appreciating the art in communion with its surroundings. Felipe's conceptual compositions harmoniously disrupt The Lighterman's heavy and portentous structure and uses the minimalist, bright space to complement the emptiness of the work's white background. Stepping away from the prevalent bright-coloured visuals of queer art, his black-and-white collection of works are an artistic interpretation of the queer community, which is purer, but just as powerful.

### **About the Artist**

Felipe Chavez is a contemporary artist, born in Colombia and now working in London. At a young age, he saw his potential within the arts and decided to study art in college. After discovering his fascination for conceptualism over structures, he withdrew his application for a degree in architecture in order to concentrate on his fine art practice. Self-taught, Felipe draws inspiration from artists such as sculptor Emil Alzamora, and painters Egon Schiele and Marlene Dumas.

Represented by 508 Gallery in Chelsea, London, he is the winner of the Windsor & Newton Product Prize at the Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolour exhibition and of the 2018 Wildlife Artist of the Year in the Urban category. You can find Felipe exhibiting at this year's New Artist Fair in September and Roys Art Fair in October.

'The Hollow Man' will run for three months from **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** and all work will be available for sale during this time.

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## **Hours of Operation:**

Mon to Thu: 9am – 11:30pm

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