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# HOT LIST



EXHIBITION

## Jim Dine: A History of Communism

ALAN CRISTEA GALLERY, W1

Don't be put off by the stark title of this extraordinary exhibition. A History of Communism sees seminal American artist Jim Dine bringing to life previously unseen drawings by anonymous Eastern Bloc artists in a series of fascinating new prints. With over 40 years' worth of images drawn by students from a socialist art academy in the former German Democratic Republic, Dine throws light on the art world behind the Iron Curtain – and the oppressive regime of a country that no longer exists. Being careful not to subvert these found lithographic drawings, recovered in Berlin, the artist uses his own motifs to frame, overlay and interact with the preserved images – not just reinterpreting, but also exerting control and echoing his own eastern European family ties. Intrigued? You will be. 10 September to 7 October, 31 & 34 Cork Street, W1 (020 7439 1866; [www.alancristea.com](http://www.alancristea.com))



ART FAIR

## LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair

BERKELEY SQUARE, W1

Got a bit of a penchant for fine art and antiques? Us too, which is why we're ever so excited to be attending the sixth annual LAPADA (that's the London and Provincial Antique Dealers Association, don't you know) fair this month. Following on from the success of last year's event, in which over 19,000 art lovers and collectors from around the globe flocked to Mayfair for a piece of the action (and to pick up a lovely little *objet* or two for the home), the fair has garnered quite the reputation as a one-stop shop for the most sought-after works from trusted LAPADA members. Grab yourself a bargain for as little as £500, or dig deep and shell out a cool £500,000 to secure a family heirloom. Alternatively, you can simply lose yourself in the splendour and just browse all that beautiful bling. We can't wait! 24 to 28 September, Berkeley Square, W1 ([www.lapadalondon.com](http://www.lapadalondon.com))



STREET PARTY

## A Perfect Day AVENUE ROAD, NW8

There's nothing like a good old-fashioned street party to bring out the community spirit. A Perfect Day returns to Swiss Cottage's Avenue Road this September, and features local talent from the worlds of music, art, food, fashion and comedy. Amongst a host of lively, lovely stalls, you can expect a funfair, theatre, petting zoo, music workshops and even pop-up ping pong. Music comes from The AutistiX and Maverick & Malachi – beat boxers and winners of Wandsworth Young Musicians of the Year. Could this fun-filled Sunday get any more feel-good? Well, actually, yes: the festival raises money for the Swiss Cottage School Development & Research Centre. Now that's what we call a perfect day. Get involved. 21 September, Avenue Road, NW8 ([www.aperfectday.org.uk](http://www.aperfectday.org.uk))