

## Kunst ist Kapital

Modern art may be in the doldrums, but there seem to be some takers of anti-capitalism art. British

artist and Marxist **Merlin Carpenter** chose **Simon Lee Gallery** in the heart of hedge fund land in Mayfair to show his pieces where words in black paint such as "Banks are Bad" (below) and "Kunst (art) = Kapital" are splattered on to white canvases.

Mr Carpenter – who also joined the G20 demonstrators – says he is questioning the value of art and how a painting is priced. Some of his works, priced at £20,000 apiece, were created at the launch party last week. The gallery says that a couple of pieces have sold with several more on reserve. In an ironic twist, after the launch event, the gallery was attacked by several young anti-capitalism graffiti artists and the police had to be called in.

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