

## ● **Merlin Carpenter** London

The Opening is a new exhibition by Merlin Carpenter, an artist who is not afraid to confront the hypocritical nature of his profession. His last exhibition was also called The Opening, and for that matter the three before that, playing on the champagne-fuelled circus that surrounds



the practice of making art. Carpenter has been described as the ultimate insider artist in the past, and it's understandable why.

His references demand a keen understanding of the duplicitous nature of the art world, although not always. Hanging a canvas up at the Miami Art Fair saying DIE COLLECTOR SCUM is pretty conclusive, and funny. **JL**

*Simon Lee Gallery, W1,  
Wed to 25 Apr*