

# Xviart

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## SELF-TAUGHT CONTEMPORARY ARTIST AND FINANCIAL TRADER LAUNCHES EVOCATIVE NEW SERIES TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH



OCTOBER 2020 - This month, in dedication to Black History Month, young London-based artist Xavi Art will debut his inaugural collection of paintings with an exclusive exhibition display at Gallery@OXO, OXO Tower Wharf, 21st-25th October 2020.

Created as a way of escapism and therapy throughout the global lockdown of this year, Xavi's works combine contemporary and current with the artistically historic, where abstract cubism meets popular culture.

A British-raised, black millennial with Sierra Leonean and Martinican heritage, Xavi Art's unique pieces reflect his lived experiences and world views on subject matters ranging from black history and self-discovery, to faith, women empowerment and mental health. A Multi-Asset trader at Liontrust Asset Management Plc and now nine years into his financial career, Xavi Art's work also reference individuals, principles and lessons that have shaped his professional success and personal growth.

With the pressures of isolation brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and struggles of racial injustice sparked by the death of George Floyd, Xavi Art took to painting to express himself. He is intentional in using his platform to shine light on narratives that disproportionately affect the black community and go un-checked by society. As such his upcoming exhibition will raise funds for Black Minds Matter.

"Members of the BAME communities, myself included, often feel marginalised and find themselves at a disadvantage when it comes to life and professional opportunities. The physiological and physical traumas we are consistently exposed to have long-term damaging effects, yet we seldom get the chance to talk about these deeply penetrating feelings. The work Black Minds Matter does is critical in my point of view, critical in starting to address a colossal problem that has plagued my community for far too long. From that perspective the collaboration was a no-brainer" - Xavi Art.

Agnes Mwakatuma, co-founder of Black Minds Matter UK said "our focus is in making mental health topics relevant and accessible to all Black people in the UK by providing free 12 week courses of therapy. We are continuing to rely on amazing fundraisers such as Xavi Art to support the 2600 people on our waitlist".

Driven to inspire and educate the younger generations of his local and closely held community, Xavi Art will be delivering an interactive and educational workshop titled 'I can' to school children from a local primary school. Students will be invited to recreate a Xavi Art piece with their own flair ahead of the exhibition launch, to be displayed at the gallery.

Separately, sixth form finance students from Xavi Art's South-London based alumni schools, Bacons College and St Francis Xavier College will be invited to participate in a relaxed yet informative career panel discussion titled 'The Blueprint'. Xavi Art and the other panellists that will join him, intend leverage their strong networks to foster a longer-term relationship between these two named educational institutions and city banks in a way that is meaningful and productive in shaping their future.

Learn more about Xavi Art via his website:  
[www.byxaviart.com](http://www.byxaviart.com)

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## EXHIBITION DETAILS

**No entry fee. Instead, visitors will be encouraged to make donations, 100% of which will be gifted to the 'Black Minds Matter' charity, [www.blackmindsmatteruk.com](http://www.blackmindsmatteruk.com)**

Black Minds Matter are a charity dedicated to connecting black individuals and families with free, professional mental health services across the UK. Mental health has been proven to be less accessible to black individuals for a number of reasons, including: infrastructure, cost, culture and beyond. This, coupled with the strain of social unrest and a global pandemic has leading to a growing need for wellbeing initiatives dedicated to the black community.

Throughout the course of his exhibitions and workshops, Xavi will be raising funds to support Black Minds Matter.

- OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC:
  - Dates: Wednesday 21st - Sunday 25th October 2020
  - Location: Gallery@OXO, OXO Tower Wharf, SE1
  - Time: 11am-6pm, walk-in
- SPECIAL EVENTS
  - w/c 12th October 2020: Creative and educational workshop for a local primary school
  - Tuesday 20th October, 6-8pm: Invite only private viewing
  - Wednesday 21st October 2020: Career panel discussion for sixth form finance students from two of Xavi's alumni education institutions, 6-8pm

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