



Miroslav Pomichal, *Peasants' Revolt 2*, oil on canvas, 100 x 85cm, 2022

Miroslav Pomichal, Rachel Mercer, Archie Franks:

## BREAD AND GAMES

Until 12 January 2023 at The Bindery, 53 Hatton Garden,  
London, EC1N 8HN.

We are pleased to announce our second exhibition at new art space, The Bindery, featuring works by three progressive contemporary painters. These works are seemingly representational and depict bucolic subjects: cricket, sunlit crops and people at leisure in parks, but as the title 'Bread And Games' suggests – derived from the French to mean a distraction from problems or grievances – something darker lies behind them. This may be apparent in a selection of the painting's titles, such as 'Strange Weather' or 'Peasants' Revolt'.

*“These three artists together might be reckoned to reverse Larkin’s movement: the beauty of nature and the freedom of play are on the surface, and not without transformative moments. Yet there are troubling undercurrents: some darkness lies at the heart of the celebration.” ~ Paul Carey-Kent*

Each artist is recipient of numerous awards and honours including the Jerwood Painting Fellowship (Archie Franks), The Mountridge Art Foundation Purchase Prize, Cello Factory, London (Miroslav Pomichal) and the Hampstead Art Society Prize (Rachel Mercer). You can read the accompanying text online with a list of works and prices. The exhibition can be viewed in person at The Bindery, or as a [#virtualexhibition](#).



Archie Franks, *Tea break*, oil on canvas, 61 x 81cm



Rachel Mercer, *Figure Ground*, 2022, oil on canvas, 170 x 150 cm

A further body of work by Archie Franks can be viewed in our concurrent solo exhibition 'Archie Franks: Echoes of Englishness' which can be viewed online as a Virtual Exhibition until 15 January 2023 here: <https://bit.ly/3FRfCRD>

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7 December 2022 – 12 January 2023  
Tuesday – Friday 11am – 5pm (otherwise by appointment)  
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