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# Adam Dant to Exhibit at London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE *The Budge Row Bibliotheque* 18 May - 17 July 2021

London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE  
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London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE is delighted to re-open on 18 May with *The Budge Row Bibliotheque*, an installation by artist and cartographer Adam Dant.

Taking inspiration from Bloomberg's unique location at the heart of the City of London, Adam Dant's epic sepia ink drawing *The Budge Row Bibliotheque* encapsulates 2,000 years of the everyday life and times of Budge Row, the famous once-lost thoroughfare now reinstated as Bloomberg Arcade.

Dant's detailed maps and drawings depict real places using traditional drawing systems, but when studied reveal themselves to be fashioned from a seemingly random stack of historical documents, ephemera, archaeological evidence and personal effects.

Often unseen relationships between institutions and people, such as those that exist between the City of London and its diverse population, have long been the subject matter of Dant's studies. Tracing a narrative construction of space, time and place through its past and current inhabitants, the viewer is invited to explore and discover their own story of the place in the picture.

*The Budge Row Bibliotheque* resulted from a collaboration between the artist and members of The Museum of London Archaeology team during the archaeological excavations of the Bloomberg site in 2012.

The collection of artwork was first installed in Bloomberg SPACE Finsbury Square as part of the 2015 series, *The Homecoming*, a programme of four works exploring and responding to the history and architecture of the City of London.

Situated on the site of Bloomberg's European headquarters, London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE returns the Roman Temple of Mithras to the location of its discovery in the heart of the City and offers visitors an immersive experience of the ancient temple as well as a chance to see a collection of the Roman artefacts found during the building excavations. Expanding on Bloomberg's legacy of support for new commissions by international artists, the ground floor Bloomberg SPACE gallery aims to present lively and thoughtful works by contemporary artists whilst bringing fresh perspectives to the many-layered history of the site.

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## About the artist:

Adam Dant is an internationally renowned artist whose large-scale narrative drawings and prints can be found in the collections of the Victoria & Albert Museum, Tate, the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) and the Musée d'Art Contemporain de Lyon as well as many leading private collections including that of HRH The Prince of Wales.

Adam was the recipient of a prestigious Rome Scholarship in etching and engraving, is a winner of the Jerwood Drawing Prize and in 2015 was appointed by the UK Parliament as official artist of the General Election.

Dant's book, *Maps of London and Beyond*, received the gold award at the 2018 International Creative Media Awards and first prize in the travel category at the 2019 Catholic Herald book awards.

London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE is free to visit and open to the public from Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 6pm, and on Sundays and Bank Holidays from 10am to 5pm. Pre-booking is advised through [londonmithraeum.com](http://londonmithraeum.com).

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### About London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE

London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE returns the Roman Temple of Mithras to the location of its discovery in the heart of the City, beneath the site of Bloomberg's new European Headquarters. This cultural hub offers visitors an immersive experience of the ancient temple and a chance to see a collection of the remarkable Roman artefacts found during recent excavation. Visitors can also enjoy a series of contemporary art commissions responding to one of the UK's most significant archaeological sites. [www.londonmithraeum.com](http://www.londonmithraeum.com)

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### Listings information

Adam Dant,  
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### Opening hours

Tuesday - Saturday: 10am - 6pm  
Sundays & Bank Holidays: 10am - 5pm  
First Thursday of the month: 10am - 8pm  
  
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