

# The Enigma of the Hour

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## 100 Years of Psychoanalytic Thought

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An exhibition to mark the centenary of The International Journal of Psychoanalysis curated by Simon Moretti with Goshka Macuga and Dana Birksted-Breen

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Freud Museum London

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Exhibition Guide

# Linder, Goshka Macuga, Simon Moretti, Daniel Silver, Paloma Varga Weisz with additional works by Duncan Grant, Barbara Ker-Seymer & John Banting, Rodrigo Moynihan

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'Like the artist, the analyst tries to take possession of the word again by freeing it from the suffocation of everyday use...' — Canestri, 1994

'Fix on Oedipus your eyes, Who resolved the dark enigma, noblest champion and most wise. Like a star his envied fortune mounted beaming far and wide: Now he sinks in seas of anguish, whelmed beneath a raging tide...' — quoted by Freud in the Interpretation of Dreams, 1900

On the occasion of the centenary of *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, the exhibition *The Enigma of the Hour: 100 Years of Psychoanalytic Thought* presents archival material around specific themes, which touch on the origins and life of *The International Journal* alongside contemporary artworks. Originally conceived by the journal's editor-in-chief Dana Birksted-Breen and curated by artists Simon Moretti and Goshka Macuga with Dana Birksted-Breen, the exhibition brings together themes central to both psychoanalysis and art: translation, transformation, temporality, the unconscious, metaphor and dreams. The theme of Oedipus, which was so critical to Freud's theorizing, with Oedipus and the Sphinx from a painting by Ingres chosen as logo of the *Journal*, also appears as a leitmotif in the exhibition. The artworks in the exhibition address these ideas, creating a conversation that reverberates throughout the evocative rooms of the Freud Museum. Drawing also on the work of an international group of psychoanalysts and researchers invited and led by Dana Birksted-Breen, the archival presentation explores the prehistory of the journal, the hidden role of women in its early years, its beginnings and connections with the Bloomsbury Group, the influence of classical art and culture on Freud's ideas and the visual identity of the *International Journal*.

The *Journal* itself embodies the development of psychoanalytic thought over one hundred years since it was established in 1920. The exhibition takes a dual approach: a historical investigation into archival material with a specific focus on the early vicissitudes of the establishment and development of the *Journal* on the one hand; and a response by the artists to overarching themes in psychoanalysis and the work of the *International Journal*. Freud was preoccupied with transformation, movement from unconscious to conscious, movements of progression and regression, the forward promoting life force of Eros, in perpetual struggle with the compulsion to repeat and a return to disintegration of

the death drive of Thanatos. In dialogue with the curators, the group of researchers and psychoanalysts explored in collaboration various aspects of the history of the *International Journal*, the fruit of which is exhibited in the Display Case in the Gallery and elaborated on in the Compendium to it.

The exhibition includes new commissions by Simon Moretti and Goshka Macuga, made in response to the themes and archives chosen, as well as especially selected works by their invited artists, Linder, Daniel Silver and Paloma Varga Weisz, and loans from the British Psychoanalytic Society, and the Tate Gallery, including works by Duncan Grant, Barbara Ker-Seymer with John Banting and Rodrigo Moynihan, along with items from The Collection of the Freud Museum.

The Freud Museum, a natural home for an exhibition relating to the centenary of the *Journal* which was established by Ernest Jones under the direction of Sigmund Freud in order to diffuse his ideas to the English speaking world, became itself an important component of the exhibition. It was Freud's home at the end of his life after he fled from Nazi persecution in Vienna thanks to the help of Ernest Jones.

The *Enigma of the Hour*, the title of the exhibition takes its inspiration from a De Chirico painting. De Chirico, a contemporary of Freud, evokes with his paintings some of the disturbing states of mind that we encounter in the 'analytic hour' of the consulting room, those states in which devastation and ensuing emptiness and anomy take over, empty of others, distorted, timeless. The enigma in the analytic hour, an 'hour' both timeless and strictly bound by time, the search for an answer, which can never be fully found.

Dana Birksted-Breen  
Simon Moretti  
Goshka Macuga

## Hall

1  
Daniel Silver  
*After Bath Mannequins 1*, 2018  
Marble and Yellow Onix, plinth  
46 × 34 × 20 cm  
Courtesy Frith Street Gallery

Linking classical and contemporary representations of the human body, two works from the recent series *After Bath Mannequins* reference both Roman busts of antiquity, and a modern derivative thereof, the mannequin commonly used in window displays. Further elaborating the tension between past and present, the marble and onyx material formed over many millennia contrasts with the turning of the head, suggesting a sudden gesture that recalls the fossilized Pompeian citizens forever trapped in time. These expressive heads are further manipulated through direct carving, as if defaced by acts of violence or gradual erosion. Silver's interest in the iconic mannequin form also has a personal aspect, as the artist is related to Adel Rootstein, founder of Rootstein Display Mannequins, which remains the world's leading mannequin manufacturer. *SM*

2  
Simon Moretti  
*for Stuart Morgan*, 2015–19  
Screen print  
100 × 76 cm  
Courtesy the artist  
Commissioned by The International Journal of Psychoanalysis

Referencing Freud's concept of *the archaeology of the mind*, this screen print engages with themes of temporality, metaphysical time, and the unconscious by juxtaposing images of tactile objects that evoke sound and sight. Recalling Freud's collection of antiquities, they include a bronze Minoan figure that held a mirror to its beholder; a lustrous mother-of-pearl shell; and a sixteenth century figure of a Jack, which in early automaton clocks struck the bell on the hour, symbolising the town crier that in times past called out the hours. *For Stuart Morgan* honors the friendship and influence of the critic Stuart Morgan, co-curator of the 1995 Tate Britain exhibition *Rites of Passage, Art for the End of the Century*. *SM*

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Mirror, Bronze, Etruscan, 350–250BC  
Mirror, Bronze, Prenestine, late 4<sup>th</sup> century to first half of 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC  
Mirror, Egyptian, copper alloy, 1550–1069BC  
Mirror, Bronze, Etruscan, 350–250BC.  
Prestine late 4<sup>th</sup> century to first half of 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC, perhaps with a replica or reinforced image  
All collection of the Freud Museum London

If we can trust the memory of Robert Lustig, one of Sigmund Freud's antique dealers between 1927 and 1938; Freud's personal antique collection contained a large series of Etruscan mirrors. Lustig describes how on one occasion, Freud chose five from a drawer filled with thirty to forty examples. This was in exchange for another item, which Freud urgently wanted to buy, but without spending too much money (Ransohoff 1977, pp.145-46; Weiss and Weiss 1984, p.204; Weiss and Weiss 1989, p.63; personal letter from Robert Lustig to Carina Weiss dated 10 March 1986).



The one Egyptian and three Etruscan mirrors presented here are what remain of Freud's previously large collection; we do not know the disposition of the others. The first mirror, depicting a mythological scene (Museum number 3082), was a gift to Anna Freud: a suitable gift for a woman, its ancient purpose deemed "essential for a woman's adornment in life," as Lucilla Burn writes. They were also "especially crucial for the survival of her soul after death" (Gamwell and Walles 1989, p.107). Indeed, most of these types of mirrors were found in graves, which brings to mind Freud's impressive dream of descending into an old Etruscan grave; he felt reconciled with his own death out of a sense of having been blessed by the satisfaction of his archaeological interests (Freud 1900a, p.454; Freud 1927c, pp.16-17; Weiss and Weiss 1984, p.205). *cw*

## Freud's Study and Library

4  
Paloma Varga Weiss  
*Man, bent*, 2019  
Limewood, carpet  
200 × 70 × 70 cm  
Courtesy Sadie Coles HQ

As if an intermediary between person and object, this life sized articulated figure carved from wood brings to mind the jointed wooden anatomical model, capable of assuming various positions and roles, in service to the artist with which it is associated. Elaborating the complex identity of the artist as observer, performer, and subject, this indeterminate figure also references the artist's rigorous training as a traditional woodcarver in Bavaria, as well as her layered personal iconography, which draws on ancient and folkloric mythology. *SM*

5  
Linder  
*Inflora*, 2013  
Photomontage  
19.1 × 16.5 cm  
Courtesy Modern Art

The uncanny merging of a shell with the back of a head bearing a stylised 1930s hairstyle, *Inflora* portrays a site of excavation: an exploration of the artist's concerns, both formal and personal. It is presented here in dialogue with the heads and death masks from Freud's collection that inhabit his study. *SM*

'This photomontage was made shortly after my father died, and acts as a memoriam. It includes a page from *The Art and Craft of Hairdressing*, which was published in 1931, the same year that Barbara Hepworth pierced the form for the first time. The shell motif is both homage and cipher.' — Linder

6  
Daniel Silver  
*Moon Face*, 2018  
Glazed fired clay  
16 × 6 × 5 cm  
Private collection London

On surface appearing something in between a geological specimen and a prehistorical figure, *Moon Face* was paradoxically created rather swiftly, modeled in clay, a response to the artist's impressions of a dancer in his studio. It is placed here in conversation with the iconic collection of objects that famously occupied Freud's study/desk, themselves a long and ongoing influence in Silver's oeuvre. The hand scale, the other-worldly material presence, and the immediacy of intimate experience juxtapose various temporalities drawn from the historical, gestural, and emotional—free translated from one sense to another. SM

7  
Simon Moretti  
*Only Day and Night*, 2019  
Neon, cables, transformer, plexiglass  
Dimensions?  
Courtesy the artist  
Commissioned by The International Journal of Psychoanalysis

This neon text work is based on an ongoing series derived from an archive of "misreadings" that the artist has collated in the past few years. Referencing Freud's formulation of parapraxis published in his 1901 book, *The Psychopathology of Everyday Life*, where he described and analysed a large number of seemingly trivial, bizarre, or nonsensical errors and slips, most notably the Signorelli parapraxis. AT

'I had been interested in Freud's writing about parapraxis and coincidentally even before this exhibition became concrete, I had started a new series of neon text pieces based on my misreadings. I like the idea that in these new texts somewhere between a found text and its newly transformed and translated version mediated by the unconscious a deeper truth lies. I also like the idea that a so-called "mistake" is celebrated and literally brought to light.' – Simon Moretti

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Goshka Macuga  
*International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, Freud*, 2016  
Concrete, jesmonite  
39 × 23 × 37cm

In a letter of 1932, Albert Einstein invited Sigmund Freud to a frank exchange of views on the destructive nature of humankind. Einstein was at the time a leading member of the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation (IIIC), which was founded in 1926 as an advisory body to the League of Nations, and aimed to promote intellectual exchange between international scientists, researchers, teachers, artists and other cultural figures.

*International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, Riviere*, 2019  
Rubber, resin  
40 × 30 cm  
Commissioned by The International Journal of Psychoanalysis

Macuga, Inspired by the IIIC and the idea of intellectual exchange, created especially for this exhibition on the occasion of the centenary of *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis* a display in which an existing Vase modelled on Freud that she previously produced in 2016 is placed in conversation with two new vases bearing representations of

*International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, Strachey*, 2019  
Rubber, resin  
40 × 30 cm  
Commissioned by The International Journal of Psychoanalysis  
All courtesy the artist



two women psychoanalysts, Joan Riviere and Alix Strachey, whose work of translation for the *International Journal* was insufficiently recognised and on whom a special focus is given in this exhibition.

Alix Strachey was a psychoanalyst and member of the Bloomsbury Group. Although she independently translated several of Freud's important essays (including "*Inhibitions, Symptoms, and Anxiety*" and "*The Uncanny*"), she is largely credited only with having "assisting" her husband, James Strachey, on the Standard Edition of the Works of Sigmund Freud. She also edited the 1924 *New German-English Psychoanalytical Vocabulary*, which was published as a supplement to *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, to which she also contributed two original articles.

Psychoanalyst Joan Riviere's contributions exemplify the reciprocal cross-fertilisation, or "intellectual co-operation," between psychoanalysis and art. In her innovative writings, translations, and teachings, she initiated the exploration of many themes in psychoanalytical thought that remain relevant today. Riviere's deep interests in literature, art and theatre informed her work, including one of her last essays published in the *Journal*, the 1952 "*The Unconscious Phantasy of an Inner World reflected in Examples from Literature*." SM

## Dining Room

9  
Rodrigo Moynihan  
*Ernest Jones*, 1946  
Oil on canvas  
97.4 × 84.7 cm  
Collection of the British Psychoanalytical Society

Ernest Jones founded the London Psycho-Analytical Society and helped to found *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis* in 1920 under the direction of Sigmund Freud and became its first Editor in 1920 until Freud died in 1939.

On July 3, 1946 at a meeting of the British Psycho-Analytical Society, Ernest Jones was presented with his portrait by Rodrigo Moynihan. In her address on the occasion of presenting his portrait to Ernest Jones, Sylvia Payne ends by saying: "One of his most spectacular actions was to fly to Vienna at the time of Hitler's invasion of Austria to help Professor Freud, his family and colleagues. He was instrumental in bringing about their escape to England, and was untiring in the work he did for colleagues and friends who had to escape from the Nazis. It was due to him mainly that Professor Freud was able to spend the end of his life in peace and safety". D.BB

## Mezzanine

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Daniel Silver  
*After Bath Mannequins 2*, 2018  
Marble and Grey Onix  
46 × 34 × 20 cm  
Courtesy Frith Street Gallery

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## Upper Landing

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Simon Moretti  
*Untitled (Oedipus Rex-The Infernal Machine) #1 and #2*, 2019  
Screen print  
95 × 76 cm each  
Courtesy of the artist  
Commssioned by The International Journal of Psychoanalysis

Made on the occasion of the exhibition and directly inspired by the artist's research in the archive of *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, The British Psychoanalytic Society and the Freud Museum collection, these screen prints testify to the enduring cultural ubiquity of the theme of Oedipus, which was so critical to Freud's theorizing. Sampling and juxtaposing various aesthetic translations of the subject, notably stills from Pasolini's *Oedipus Rex* and Cocteau's *The Infernal Machine*, Moretti demonstrates the wide range of haunting imagery associated with the mythical figure that also forms the familiar logo and visual identity of *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis*. AT

12  
Sergei Pankejeff  
*Painting of wolves sitting in a tree*, 1965  
Oil on canvas  
45 × 55 × 3.5 cm  
Collection of the Freud Museum London



Serge Pankejeff both thought of himself and was known to the psychoanalytic community as the "Wolf Man." Early in his long analysis with Freud, Sergei Pankejeff presented a dream dating from the eve of his fourth birthday, which consisted of a scene viewed through a window: six or seven white wolves with big tails and ears pricked, attentively gazing at the dreamer. Pankejeff accompanied the dream with a sketch, showing Freud the scene he described. Understood by Freud as an oedipal reworking of a much earlier observation of the primal scene, the dream played a key role in the development of his theory of infantile sexuality and the concept of *nachträglichkeit* ("deferred action" or, in the French formulation, "*après coup*"). The dream came to play a central role for Pankejeff as well: appearing recurrently and reported in many variations during his analysis with Freud, it reemerged and proved key in his later analysis with Ruth Mack Brunswick. In later life, Pankejeff maintained his connection with psychoanalysis and supplemented his modest income by producing replicas of his original sketch of *The Wolf Tree Dream*, which he sold, through Muriel Gardiner, to psychoanalysts of later generations. LLF

## Exhibitor Room

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Linder  
*Post-mortem: Alexandra (i)*, 2016  
*Nobilissima Visione II*, 2011  
*Mischa Panaieff*, 2018  
*Nobilissima Visione II*, 2011  
*Symphonie Fantastique*, 2011  
*Post-Mortem: Tatiana (i)*, 2016  
*Lubov Tchemicheva*, 2018  
Photomontage  
Each: 26 × 21 cm  
Courtesy Modern Art

These photomontages by Linder present dreamlike narratives, oneiric dioramas of death populated by dancers, animals and natural objects. SM

'The Post-Mortem series were the first works that I made subsequent to the death of my mother. I used photographs from two books for the source imagery for the series, Hutchinson's *Animals of All Countries* and *Ballet Russes*, both from the 1920s. Ballet dancers, lions, shells, bears and antelopes were all documented with equal fervour in the early twentieth century. Post-mortem photography—portraits of recently deceased loved ones—continued to flourish in the interwar years. The scalpel that I use cuts through paper and time with equal ease. Each photomontage in this series is a meditation upon mortality. My mother loved to dance.' — Linder

14  
Goshka Macuga & Simon Moretti  
*TBC*, 2019  
Screen print  
95 × 76 cm  
Courtesy the artists  
Commssioned by The International Journal of Psychoanalysis

This collaborative work, which celebrates the centenary of the *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, shows its founding editor Ernest Jones together with Sigmund Freud at the base of a symbolic tree on whose branches perch several persons associated with the history of the journal: Alix and James Strachey, and Joan Riviere. Below them, at the mouth of an ancient cave, Marjorie Brierley crouches, posed as if in a celebratory mod-ernist dance. The artists were inspired by these figures, encountered during their research into the archive of the *Journal*, as well as by their exchange of ideas with an international group of researchers and psychoanalysts with whom they collaborated in preparation for the exhibition. An important aspect of this group effort was the exploration of various as-pects of the history of the *Journal*, which is documented in the display case opposite.

The symbolic imagery of the tree references the iconic tree painted by Freud's legendary patient, Sergei Pankejeff (also known as "the Wolf Man") to illustrate his famous dream, and at the same time, the diagrammatic design of the British Psychoanalytic Society book plate by David Wilson, both of which are also on display in the exhibition. This screen print is a composite of archive photos and found images that were re-drawn, digitized, and translated into a machine drawing. Its trace of electronic information—the hand of the future, tracing the past—implicates the dialogic transfer of meaning across different temporalities and traditions. SM

## Display Case

The material is arranged to reflect an overall movement and temporality through 100 years of publication of *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis*: its prehistory with Freud in Vienna, the correspondence relating to the decision to establish an English language Journal under the editorship of Ernest Jones, the correspondence with competitors, and the Bloomsbury editors, James Strachey and Adrian Stephen.

Emerging is the place of three women who played an important and not properly recognized role in the development of *The International Journal*, Joan Riviere psychoanalyst, author of influential papers and translation editor for *The International Journal*, Alix Strachey psychoanalyst and translator of psychoanalytic concepts, and Marjorie Brierley, who wrote, in addition to scientific papers, 57 book reviews for the *Journal*.

In overlapping themes, a particular focus is given to the work which takes place 'behind the scenes'.

One important one is the work of translation. As German was the mother language of psychoanalysis, the earliest British researchers needed to make their own translations of important works. Around 1922 Ernest Jones convened a Glossary Committee that consisted of himself and the three most active translators – Joan Riviere and the two Stracheys, resulting in the publication of a small glossary to serve as a guide for the translation work of the *Journal*. It was followed a couple of decades

later, in 1943, by *A New German-English Psycho-Analytic Vocabulary* compiled by Alix Strachey. The Vocabulary reflects the volume of papers and books written by the second generation analysts in which they had expanded psychoanalytic concepts and terminology:

Another important aspect of the work 'behind the scenes' is the role of editors and also that of colleagues. The relationship between editors and authors and, between authors and colleagues is illustrated with a historical case study of Melanie Klein's paper on Don Juan which had been aimed at a special issue in honour of Ernest Jones but was never published due to the problems with it. The manuscript and some letters are exhibited. Eventually, Klein's "a replacement paper", *Mourning and its Relation to Manic-Depressive States*, one of her most significant papers was published instead. Correspondence between Klein and Joan Riviere about this paper exemplifies, besides the role of editors, the important role played by colleagues in the shaping of articles.

Illustrating the *Journal's* non-partisan approach to controversy, the display ends, just before the timeline of editors, with a photograph of Melanie Klein and Anna Freud, whose theoretical differences in the post-war years were famously elaborated in a series of published "controversies."

Detailed information on each exhibit can be found in the Compendium to the Display Case next to the case. D.BB

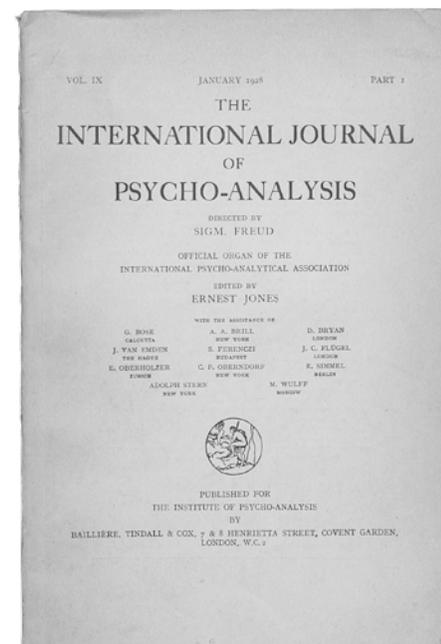
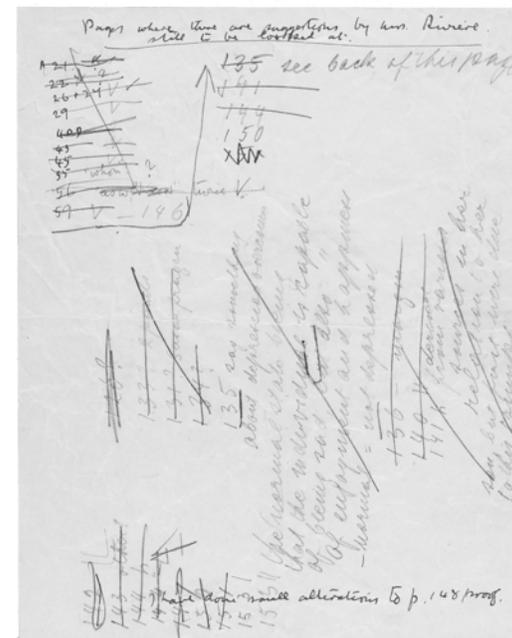
- 1 Red-figure hydria showing Oedipus and the Sphinx, Greek, 380–360BC  
Ceramic, 23 x 15 x 13 cm  
Collection of the Freud Museum London
- 2 Melanie Klein notes  
Wellcome Collection

- 3 The International Journal of Psychoanalysis vol IX PART 1, 1928  
Collection of the Freud Museum London
- 4 Sphinx statuette on wooden base  
5.1 x 6.2 x 2 cm  
Collection of the Freud Museum London

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15  
Paloma Varga Weisz  
*Lazlo's dream*, 2018  
Limewood  
Figure: 49.5 × 14.5 × 16.5 cm  
Overall: 62.5 × 23 × 27 cm  
Courtesy Sadie Coles HQ

Paloma Varga Weisz's *Lazlo's dream*, a melancholic, strange chimeric figure carved from limewood, harkens back to some of man's earliest creative efforts. Mostly human, but with the ears and multiple teats of a dog or other small mammal, it also evokes a figment of myth or folklore, as well as the artist's rigorous training as a traditional woodcarver in Bavaria. That this figure was summoned by a dream testifies to the enduring presence of metamorphosis in our cultural and personal iconographies, an apt metaphor for the myriad changes of body and psyche throughout life. SM AT

16  
Duncan Grant  
*James Strachey*, 1910  
Oil on canvas  
64 × 76 cm  
Tate

It was Lytton Strachey who introduced his cousin, the artist Duncan Grant, to the Bloomsbury group, with which Grant would forever be associated. In 1910, Grant painted Lytton Strachey's much younger brother, the 23 year-old James Strachey (1887-1967), in Lytton's apartment at No. 67 Belsize Park Gardens. With its opulent, Orientalist setting, this early work reveals Grant's interest in French post-Impressionism, including the work of Paul Cézanne, which he saw in Paris at Gertrude and Michael Stein's apartment in 1909, and Henri Matisse, whom he also met that year. The subject's drab grey suit contrasts with the saturated colours of the screen and carpet; in pensive reverie, his attention is distracted from the book open on his lap, his shoe almost slipping off his foot. His mind is elsewhere.



At the time Grant painted this portrait, James had just received an unclassified degree from Cambridge University and was aimlessly underemployed as secretary to his cousin, John St. Loe Strachey, editor of *The Spectator*. In 1920, James and his new wife Alix traveled to Vienna, where they were both analysed by Freud. There, he found new focus and direction: James and Alix Strachey would soon dedicate themselves to the editing and English translations that would evolve into the venerable Standard Edition of the Works of Sigmund Freud. AT

17  
Duncan Grant  
*Adrian Stephen*  
Date c. late 1930s-mid 1940s  
Oil on canvas  
57 × 49 cm  
Collection of the British  
Psychoanalytical Society

Psychoanalyst Adrian Stephen (1883-1948) was the editor of *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, until his death in 1948, having taken over from James Strachey in 1946. As Virginia Woolf's younger brother and Duncan Grant's former lover, Adrian Stephen was a core member of the Bloomsbury Group, as well as a dedicated activist against Fascism.

Duncan Grant painted at least four portraits of Adrian Stephen, two of which reside at Charleston, the Stephens' house and epicenter of Bloomsbury. All likenesses are notable for their averted, hooded eyes, pursed, generous lips, and hollow cheeks that speak to a quiet interiority. In this portrait, one of the later if not the last one, Grant's loose brushwork and heightened abstraction captures a complex man of many components. The once longhaired bohemian youth is now a middle-aged man in suit and tie; the dome of his forehead, emphasized by the broad highlights below his receding hairline, suggests a refined cerebrality. In a withdrawn state of thought and reflection, his expression is one of sorrow and, perhaps, resignation. AT

19  
Barbara Ker-Seymer  
and John Banting  
*Alix Strachey*, 1930  
C-Type print? tbc  
Dimensions? tbc  
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Portrait Gallery, London  
Courtesy of the Barbara  
Ker-Seymer Estate

The svelte physique and angular beauty of Alix Strachey (née Sargent-Florence, 1892-1973) made her a favored model for the still experimental medium of photography. In this portrait by photographer Barbara Ker-Deymer and Surrealist artist John Banting, she lies supine, her head pushed up against a transparent glass cube, to which she is appears attached by a length of thickly twisted rope.

The juxtapositions of such props with the human face and form were *de rigueur* in Surrealist photography, which aimed to explore the unconscious—the unseen architecture of the human psyche. Here, the rope recalls the umbilical cord, connecting the subject to a sterile and empty vessel. At the same time, the subject's recumbent position also recalls the analysand on the analytic couch—in this case, raising interesting implications for the role of the analyst, who in the past was often analogized to a “blank screen” for the analysand's projections. AT

18  
Marion Millner  
*A Thought Too Big for  
Its Concept*, 1990  
Oil on canvas  
38 × 48 cm  
Collection of the British  
Psychoanalytical Society

The title of this abstract work by psychoanalyst, author, and painter Marion Milner (1900–98) suggests that for the artist, visual art was a way to capture dimensions of thought unable to be contained or conveyed by their linguistic formulation, “too big for its concept.”

Milner was the author of well-received introspective literature (*A Life of One's Own*, *An Experiment in Leisure*, both published under the pseudonym “Joanna Field”) before training in psychoanalysis with Sylvia Payne, Ella Freeman Sharp and Joan Riviere. A member of the British Independent Group, Milner's writing is notable for its emphasis on primary processes and free association that parallels with the notions of Winnicott's ‘transitional phenomena’ and Bion's ‘reverie’; her art had a similar quality.

Milner remains an important figure in the body of psychoanalytic writing on art, perhaps best known for the book *On Not Being Able to Paint*. AT

## Anna Freud Room

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Goshka Macuga  
*Somnambulist*, 2006  
Carved wood, fibreglass,  
real hair, fabric clothes  
33 × 200 × 53 cm  
Courtesy Kate MacGarry

The somnambulist occupies two worlds simultaneously: asleep and awake, conscious and unconscious. This painted and clothed wood-carved figure is a life size replica of “Cesare,” the character of the somnambulist in the 1920 German Expressionist film by Robert Wiene, *The Cabinet of Dr Caligar* (originally played by Conrad Veidt), in which the somnambulist in his half-waking state represents the political subject who has lost his will and subjectivity and must submit to the will of a master.

The prone figure also recalls the recumbent position of the analysand, and her analytic “reverie,” a state closer to the unconscious and dreaming than ordinary wakefulness.

Freud abandoned hypnosis before the turn of the century, when it and other treatments employing suggestion were coming under fire for depriving the subject of her personal freedom; yet the problem of vulnerability to suggestion and influence remains an issue in psychoanalysis today. SMAT

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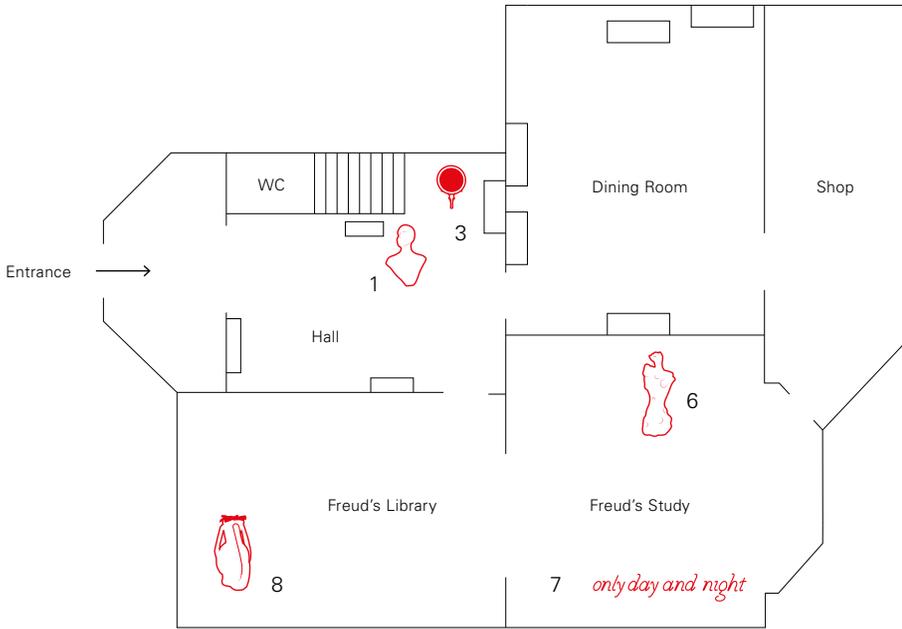
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