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Martin Parr: Parrworld: Press Release

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MARTIN PARR

PARRWORLD

17 OCTOBER 2009 – 17 JANUARY 2010

Ground Floor and Level 3

BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art is delighted to present the only UK showing of **Parrworld** by the highly regarded and influential British photographer **Martin Parr**. The exhibition will take place from **Saturday 17 October '09 – Sunday 17 January '10** and is presented over two floors; the first containing **Luxury**, a collection of over 40 recent works by **Parr** with the second floor housing more than 150 prints from some of the world's most famous and significant photographers and photographic books and a range of objects from **Parr**'s personal collection.

Parr is known for his satirical documentation of British contemporary life; capturing a range of social demographics he offers a colourful social panorama of Britain today unmasking the banal and the offbeat with his wry look at class and wealth. Many of his images appear exaggerated and yet they are inventive and often humorous using colour and motif to great effect. For more than 30 years, **Parr** has been documenting society and everyday culture initially in Britain and Ireland but later across the world, taking in global phenomena such as mass tourism, consumerism, social and cultural events.

For his new series **Luxury**, **Parr** shows the different ways in which people display their wealth. Choosing various locations across the world, and a range of situations including art fairs and racecourses, including Newcastle's premier horse racing event The Northumberland Plate, he has selected scenarios in which people are comfortable showing off their wealth. Designer clothes, champagne and parties are all part of this repertoire. As well as the more established wealth hot spots in Europe and America, there are

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