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Artist Martí Anson and Latitudes at Tate Modern, London

BMW provides 7 Series for the artist’s project "Mataró Chauffeur Service"

**London – 14-16 May 2010.** To celebrate Tate Moderns 10th anniversary, the museum will host “No Soul for Sale – A Festival of Independents”, an initiative of the artist Maurizio Cattelan and curators Cecilia Alemani and Massimiliano Gioni. For this free art festival, Tate Modern is inviting over 70 of the world’s most innovative independent art spaces, not-for-profit organizations and artists’ collectives, from Shanghai to Rio de Janeiro, to take over the Turbine Hall – amongst others: Dispatch (New York), e-flux (Berlin), Para/Site Art Space (Hong Kong).

**Chauffeur-driven to Tate Modern**

One of the most exciting art events has been organised by the Barcelona-based curatorial office Latitudes. For the project "Mataró Chauffeur Service" Spanish artist Martí Anson will set up a taxi firm and drive the curators to London and back, designing the livery of the single vehicle fleet, his chauffeur’s uniform and route. The car itself will be parked in the Turbine Hall and form the basis of Latitudes’ temporary office. In this setting they will present films and publications relating to the projects they have curated since 2005. Anson and Latitudes approached BMW inquiring about the possibility of an automobile for their project. The company happily obliged, with employees at BMW Spain, BMW UK and BMW Headquarters in Munich involved with the "Mataró Chauffer Service" to make the artist's vision come true.

**The artist-chauffeur**

Catalan artist Martí Anson (Mataró, 1967) lives and works in Mataró. His art focuses on the process rather than the result. Thus the passing of time is of vital importance to Anson. Recent projects include ‘El preu dels colors’, Galeria Toni Tàpies, Barcelona (2009), ‘Martí et la chocolaterie’ for ‘Rendez-Vous 09’, 10th Biennale de Lyon, Lyon (2009), ‘Martí and the flour factory’ for ‘Lucky Number 7’, Site Santa Fe, New Mexico (2008) ‘Fitzcarraldo, 55 days working on the construction of a Stella 34 yacht in the Centre d'Art Santa Mònica’, Centre d’Art Santa Mònica, Barcelona (2005).

**The BMW Group and Contemporary Art**

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Whenever the BMW Group engages in culture, it is committed to guaranteeing absolute freedom of creative potential. This freedom is just as important for ground-breaking artistic work as it is vital for innovations in a successful business enterprise.

More information regarding the “Mataró Chauffeur Service: www.tate.org.uk/modern/exhibitions/nosoulforsale/default.shtm

Information regarding the BMW Group’s cultural involvement: www.bmwgroup.com/culture

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