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Metamorphosis: John Petch x OMD, LightNight in Queen Avenue

Join dot-art in Queen Avenue on Friday 18th May for a vibrant evening of art, music and food, part of citywide arts festival LightNight, as we launch our exhibition Metamorphosis: John Petch x OMD, with some surprise musical guests!

On Friday 18th May from 5pm until 10pm, you are invited to explore Queen Avenue to celebrate LightNight and this year's theme of "Transformation". Visitors will be able to see new art exhibition Metamorphosis: John Petch x OMD at the dot-art Gallery, which looks at the changing of one form to another, sample food and drink from a range of street food traders and listen to live music.

PLEASE NOTE: The event will be ticketed between 5-7.30pm. FREE tickets are available here: <https://dotartlightnight2018.eventbrite.co.uk>. All are welcome from 7.30pm onwards.

Metamorphosis is a new exhibition of paintings and drawings by Liverpool-born artist John Petch. In 2016, John was asked by electronic band Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark, who hail from Wirral, to design the cover for their new album. This collection comprises the development and preparatory work for the individual painting, the accompanying single artwork designs and subsequent pieces inspired by the creation of these now highly recognisable artworks.

The album art represents a morphing of physical states; from colour to black and white, human form to mechanical, creating tension between the known and unknown. Taking inspiration from the symbolist works of Giovanni Sagantini, whose foreboding painting 'The Punishment of Luxury' lends its name to OMD's 16th studio album, Petch translates traditional philosophy into abstract symbolism using bold geometric intersections and acidic blocks of colour.

Limited edition prints of the album art "The Punishment of Luxury", signed by both the artist and the band, will be available to buy on LightNight.

This year's LightNight programme explores the theme of 'Transformation', and through art, music and live performance, looks at the changes that are happening around us; the cultural vista and political agenda and importantly, reflects on the transformation of our city in the ten years since our capital of culture title.



Evening Programme:

5pm - 7.30pm:	TICKET HOLDERS ONLY (https://dotartlightnight2018.eventbrite.co.uk)
7.30pm - 10pm:	ALL WELCOME!
5pm – late:	Metamorphosis – John Petch x OMD at dot-art Gallery
5pm – late:	Food and drink stalls
6.30pm:	Surprise Musical Performance!
7.30pm-10pm:	Live music from The Havana Sugar Kings and support.

This event has been made possible with the generous support of **Bruntwood** and **Liverpool BID Company**. Find out more about **Light Night** here: <http://lightnightliverpool.co.uk/>

The exhibition runs to Saturday 2nd June. Entry is free.

The dot-art Gallery can be found at 14 Queen Avenue, Castle Street, Liverpool, L2 4TX (just 5 minutes walk from Liverpool One). Opening times: Monday – Saturday, 10am-6pm

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[High resolution images available on request.](#)

Notes to editors.

dot-art supports visual artists and champions art as an integral part of everyday life.

We do this by selling locally sourced, affordable art, working with businesses to put art in the workplace and public realm, running art classes and working with schools and community groups.

All this is underpinned by our unique membership scheme for artists in the North West which gives access to all the activities above and a package of support and advice, creating and developing artists' careers.

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