

## One Night Stand

Recent work Neil Gilks | 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

*The covert room is proud to present the first solo exhibition by Brooklyn based, British artist and Illustrator: Neil Gilks.*

*Gilks is a British trained creative, schooled at Central St. Martins, London. A twenty-year dedication to fashion design, its advancement and education, parallels his deep interest in creating imagery that questions consumerism, identity, branding and ownership.*

*Neil always drew. In recent years his depictions of males became the focus of his work offering glimpses into desirability, power and role.*

*His current practice examines masculinity and the male form. Themes of beauty, subversion, archetypes, fashion, street and high culture are explored through a multi layered juxtaposition of global influences. His ability to seduce with such an economy of line speaks to his direct appreciation of beards, men, cock and gratification. Some could say his works of male figures and portraits explore the iconography and troupes found in gay culture - Neil would say he draws what he's drawn to.*

*Gilks's work has been featured in numerous editorials and group exhibitions internationally. His collaborations have allowed for fertile creative relationships, whilst his growing following have made for avid collectors. Published illustrated books, album covers and fashion sited graphics expose his breadth of work.*

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