

Charles Riva Celebrates 10 Years with George Condo Show

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On the occasion of its 10th anniversary, **Charles Riva Collection** is presenting an exhibition of selected works by American artist **George Condo**. On view through July 7, the show features several significant pieces by Condo, including paintings, drawings, and sculptures that showcase the artist's exceptional creative abilities in an array of styles.

Known for his exploration of various visual languages and his witty inclusion of historical and contemporary references, Condo's work often portrays the figures of the clown, the hobo, or the butler—characters inspired by his quest to encompass a strong social identity. Condo also conceived a style of art called “Artificial Realism,” which paired his knowledge of art history with the ironic appropriation of contemporary symbols.

The selected works on view span grotesque works to abstract and expressionist ones, seen in older pieces like *Escape Route II* and newer works like *Mother and Child*—an ink and gesso piece reminiscent of a work by **Francis Bacon**.