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**Damien Hirst created a new work to support the U.K.'s National Health Service.**



*Damien Hirst, Butterfly Rainbow, 2020. ©Damien Hirst and Science Ltd.*

British artist Damien Hirst has created a hopeful new artwork to support the U.K.'s National Health Service (NHS) during the COVID-19 pandemic. Titled *Butterfly Rainbow* (2020), the work depicts a rainbow with each band of color filled with butterfly wings, a common motif in Hirst's oeuvre. The cheery image can be downloaded from the artist's website and placed in people's windows as a show of appreciation for the staff at NHS.

Hirst is also making a limited print edition of the work to be sold, and will donate all profits from the sales to the NHS. The artist will announce additional information about the print via his Instagram account (where he recently answered 98 questions from the public in an extensive "self-interview").

Hirst said in a statement on his website:

*I wanted to do something to pay tribute to the wonderful work NHS staff are doing in hospitals around the country. The rainbow is a sign of hope and I think it is brilliant that parents and children are creating their own version and putting them up in the windows of their homes.*

Hirst is not the only famous artist whose work is being sold to support COVID-19 relief efforts. Last week, the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts partnered with auction house Christie's to sell a selection of the artist's photographs to support the foundation's COVID-19 relief initiative for artists.