



Ushering in 2026 with a Bangda!



Spraypaint artist Tom "Welly" Wells has certainly made a splash with his new artwork for our gin, rum and vodka bottle labels. His specially commissioned piece, 'Big Bangda', features one of his 'spirit animals' - a panda - bursting out from a space-themed background, making a striking and unique image.

Tom's artwork is one of three new labels, all of which appear on our Blueberry & Bergamot Gin, Strawberry & Honey Spiced Rum, Watermelon & Thyme Vodka and our newly-launched Orange & Pomegranate Gin bottles.



The Devon-based artist is self-taught and has developed a style combining freehand techniques, textured effects, stencils and traditional brushwork. He has built a huge community of artists and enthusiasts through his social media platforms - @tomwellywells on Instagram, Tik Tok and YouTube - with over two million followers.

You can see how he created Modern Art Distillery's 'Big Bangda' artwork by watching his [YouTube](#) video.

Inspired by the natural world



Our second new label is by artist Anya Simmons who painted an enchanting scene of the south coast village of Langstone in Hampshire.

Anya is known for her vibrant and colourful depictions of coastal landscapes, whimsical harbours, quirky worlds and the ever-changing British countryside.



She spent her early childhood in Africa before moving to the UK – a rich tapestry of experiences that has profoundly shaped the diversity and creativity of her art.

Anya works mainly in mixed media with a distinctive approach that blends texture, bold colours and imaginative scenes that evoke both place and spirit.



Finally, we have a new label by Sussex landscape artist Chris Hill, whose wintry scene 'King of the Forest' captures the bleakness and beauty of a fox crossing a rural scene at sunset.

Chris's inspiration comes from the natural world around his local area of Eastbourne, where the South Downs meet the English Channel.

You can find all of our new labels in our [online store](#), available in 70cl, 5cl and small gift box sizes.

Spring in our step



We'll be back in action at fairs and festivals across the UK this Spring - here are some of the places we'll be:

May 1-3: [BBC Gardeners World Spring Fair](#), Beaulieu

May 7-10: [RHS Malvern Spring Festival](#)

May 14-17: [Pub in the Park](#), Marlow

May 22-25: [FarmFest](#), Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

June 6-7: [South Downs Food Festival](#), Stansted House, Hampshire

June 12-14: [Royal Three Counties Show](#), Malvern

Remember, you can also buy our spirits at our online [M.A.D store](#) as well as our [art prints and originals](#) and our [other products](#), including bottle top planters, sunglasses, aprons and diffuser bottles - or buy a [gift card](#) and let the recipient choose for themselves!

Just the spirit for Valentine's Day



Seeking a small but thoughtful gift for Valentine's Day? Look no further - our 5cl miniature bottles come all boxed up and ready-made for that perfect love token.

They're available in four flavours - Blueberry & Bergamot Gin, Strawberry & Honey Spiced Rum, Watermelon & Thyme Vodka and Orange & Pomegranate Gin.



And you can choose from four different labels - 'Big Bangda', 'Langstone Harbour', 'King of the Forest' and 'Spirit of Lyme Regis. Beautiful inside and out, our 5cl sizes are collectable and can be repurposed into a keepsake such as a small vase or candle holder.

Visit our online store for more information about the flavours and artists, and to buy in time for Valentine's Day or - looking further ahead - for Mother's Day on March 15.



A picture of success

We're thrilled to have been named as the Best Art-Inspired Spirit Collection 2025 in LUXLife magazine's Creative & Visual Arts Awards.

The awards celebrate excellence across the global arts sector, shining a spotlight on individuals and organisations who shape the creative industries.

Artist news: Jenny Urquhart



(c) Jenny Urquhart

Bristol artist Jenny Urquhart will be at the Bath Art Fair at the end of February with a selection of her vibrant paintings.

Her brightly coloured and evocative artwork 'Bristol Harbour Festival' was featured on M.A.D's bottle label for a limited edition celebrating the Bristol Balloon Fiesta last July.



(c) Jenny Urquhart

Jenny is known for her acrylic landscapes that capture the beauty of the South West of England through vivid colours, dynamic compositions and uplifting energy.

The Bath Art Fair is held at the Bath Pavilion, North Parade Road, and is open from February 27 until March 1.

Artist news: John Goldsworthy



(c) John Goldsworthy

John Goldsworthy landed a slot in a Surrey art gallery thanks to his appearance at last year's Pub in the Park Reigate, when he joined the Modern Art Distillery to give painting demonstrations throughout the music festival weekend.

His work caught the eye of the Adams Gallery in Reigate High Street, and two of his paintings have subsequently gone on display - 'Margot & Rudolph' and 'Resurrection', both watercolour on paper.

John's painting of ballet dancers Margot Fonteyn and Rudolph Nureyev is based on the pair's final rehearsal for 'Pelleas and Melisande' - Fonteyn was a Reigate resident and a statue of her stands close to the town's railway station.

'Resurrection' (above) is John's art ode to the resurgence of vinyl - his inspiration comes from the connection people have with music and his paintings often feature music notes, piano keys and instruments that create a lyrical, rhythmical and whimsical quality to his work.

John's paintings 'Rhythm of the Rum' and 'Jazz in the Park' feature on Modern Art Distillery's Strawberry & Honey Spiced Rum (70cl and 50cl) and Blueberry & Bergamot Gin (50cl) bottle labels.

M.A.D gin is tailor-made for Roger's 80th



We were delighted to come up with an extra special, bespoke label for birthday boy Roger, who celebrated his 80th with a bottle of our London Dry Gin.



Roger, from Cheshire said: "It made my day - I'll certainly be keeping the bottle as a memento long after the gin has been drunk!"

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