

# Erna Low

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## A little section of wall is being left for Banksy .....

Kensington is once again in uproar over a painted mews. Last month, it was the infamous red and white "stripy house" in South End near High Street Kensington; this month it is a huge wintersports scene going up at 9 Reece Mews, South Kensington, immediately opposite where Francis Bacon, Britain's most famous artist, used to live.

The new work is by Johnny Midnight, well-known all over the Alps for his ski art, and whose home-town is London. Midnight is constantly being interrupted by well-wishers. "I am not getting fed up with being asked if I am Banksy (what a compliment it is), but I thought it would be fun to leave a space in case – just on the off-chance – he is in the neighbourhood!"

Midnight will also be doing a portrait of the famous artist who lived directly opposite, Francis Bacon. "Having popped into Bacon's old studio, I thought it would be fun to pay homage to the great artist, painting his portrait as if he is critiquing my work", adds Midnight.

Joanna Yellowlees-Bound, CEO of the ski holiday and property specialist, Erna Low, who owns the building and commissioned Midnight, added, "It is so exciting to see the painting unfurl. I knew Francis Bacon when he lived opposite us and know he would have loved to see these huge ski figures emerge screaming from our mews wall!"

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Notes:

Painting will continue throughout June – subject to weather

Erna Low will be supporting the Cancer Caring Trust at the launch event of "Up up and away" on Thur 9th July 2015.

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### ABOUT ERNA LOW

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Erna Low Property was founded in 2003, following the launch of the ski village Arc 1950, where Erna Low Property has its dedicated Estate Agency to sell properties all over the Alps and the South of France to property investors. See [www.ernalowproperty.co.uk](http://www.ernalowproperty.co.uk)

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

Johnny Midnight's inspiration comes from his own life's adventures, so it's no surprise that he holds a special passion for painting mountain scenes, having spent several years working from his gallery in Chamonix - arguably one of the most awe-inspiring landscapes in the Alps.

After spending a year in the Caribbean, Johnny has now settled in London and his portfolio has expanded to reflect this, with subjects including a study of the local Caribbean ex-pat community and his unique perspective on famous London scenes. [www.gallerymidnight.com](http://www.gallerymidnight.com)

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