

There's Something About Mauro



Italian artist Mauro Perucchetti sounds like a colourful character. A major exhibition of around 20 striking new works by the 60-year-old opens at Halcyon Gallery in London on 8 October, with sculptures moulded from coloured polyurethane resin, gold leaf, Swarovski crystals and marble. The work Trojan Horse depicts six one-foot-high gold leaf horses in the style of the Terracotta

Army bearing naked Chinese girls made from resin. "This sculpture alludes to the seduction of successful CEOs in the west by girls from the east in order to discover trade secrets. It is also a reference to the debilitating computer virus," says a cheeky press statement. A life-size marble sculpture of Batman and Superman takes as its inspiration a motif from Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel while the jauntily titled There's Something About Mary shows a Virgin Mary-esque figure draped in chainmail (standing in what looks like a deserted car park). "It took a brush with death for him to embrace his true calling in life and he is overwhelmingly non judgmental in his outlook on society. His life story is extraordinary – he has acted in movies with Elizabeth Taylor and Andy Warhol," notes the press blurb.