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DAMIEN HIRST PHARMACY EXTENDED UNTIL 7 MARCH 2010

BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art is delighted to announce that the exhibition of **Damien Hirst's Pharmacy (1992)** will now run until **Sunday 7 March 2010**. The month long extension will now enable even more visitors to view the work of one of the UK's most renowned contemporary artists.

Pharmacy (1992) is currently on loan from **Tate** through their collaborative **Tate Connects** partnership, an initiative established in **2008** giving access to **Tate's** extensive collection. The installation went on show at **BALTIC** on **24 October 2009** and has since been seen by more than **75,000** visitors.

The large installation, located on Level 2, is of an apparently functioning pharmacy complete with counter and floor to ceiling medicine cabinets. The visitor enters the space from behind the counter, discovering the pharmacy as if stumbling in from a storage room. An uneasy, clinical and authoritative atmosphere is created, heightened by the absence of the pharmacist.

The exhibition is sponsored by Newcastle University's Medical School which is celebrating 175 years of medical excellence.

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