

# Yanko Tihov 'London Passport Map'

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## Print Details:

Yanko Tihov | London Passport Map | 2015 | Archival print hand gilded with 23 carat shell gold | Edition of 30 | 61 x 83.7 cm

*"I find it fascinating that in an increasingly globalised world people remain dependant on the impersonal view of a bureaucratic system which uses prejudice and historic precedent to decide who holds the 'wrong' or 'right' passport cover. This makes us victims of a complicated set of laws and jurisdictions which reduces people to nothing but a number, whose given quality lies in the cover of their passport, regardless of their individual creativity"* August 2015

Yanko Tihov's limited edition print *London Passport Map* offers a fascinating snapshot of the wonderfully diverse nature of England's capital, having been constructed using the passports of the various foreign passport holders residing in London, as documented in the latest census. The design of the map is determined by the colours and motifs of the passports, each of which is carefully matched and embedded within the boroughs of London. The passport cover's texts, seals and coat of arms have been hand painted by the artist in 23 carat gold, adding a unique layer which beautifully reflects and enlivens the surface.

## About the Artist:

Yanko Tihov is a prize-winning painter and print-maker who trained in Sofia and works in London. He is well known for his figurative portraiture, but has also gained recognition for his series of works inspired by changes to the world map. His passport series of limited edition prints are unique examples of contemporary cartography which beautifully capture the borders of today's world.

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