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Exhibitions

Al Weiwei - Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads

SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON WC2.
FROM THURS TO JUNE 26;
WWW.SOMERSETHOUSE.ORG.UK

● Last month, the internationally respected Chinese artist Al Weiwei (above) disappeared. Al, who recently filled Tate Modern's Turbine Hall with more than 100 million porcelain sunflower seeds, has been an outspoken critic of China's Communist rulers for many years.

On April 3, uniformed officers prevented him boarding a flight to Hong Kong from Beijing and he has not been seen or heard from since.

This week, two of his projects that were already in the works open in London: 12 bronze animal heads, each three metres high, recreating traditional Chinese zodiac sculptures (right), will be installed in the courtyard of Somerset House, and an exhibition at the Lisson Gallery will showcase some of his most important work from the past six years.
Info: www.freealweiwei.org;
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