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At London Show, Comic Book Heroes Combined to Create Real-Life Ones

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Ben Turnbull's "Hero III," 2011, part of the "Supermen — An Exhibition of Heroes" show at the Eleven Fine Art gallery in London.

To commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, one London gallery is honoring the real-life heroes — the firemen and policemen who protect us every day — by imbuing them with the invincible spirit of fictional superheroes.

From Sept. 16 to 22, Eleven Fine Art (11 Eccleston Street; 44-20-7183-3577; www.elevenfineart.com) will host "Supermen — An Exhibition of Heroes," a new series of collages by Ben Turnbull that creates images of modern heroes from fragments of vintage comic book idols.

"The life-changing events of 9/11 led us all to believe in the need for real life superheroes," Mr. Turnbull said. "Superman didn't fly down to save the falling buildings, there was no Caped Crusader ready to do battle with the archenemy and Spidey didn't spin his web. Without the need of a phone booth or a revolving door, these true patriots donned their iconic costumes and sacrificed life and limb for what they believed in."

The London-born artist, who has been collecting comics since the age of 11, used the fragments of over 1,000 pre-1990s comic books he read as a child, including Captain America, Daredevil, Batman, Spider-Man, Hulk, and the Fantastic Four, to meticulously construct images of these modern-day icons in a palette of red, white and blue.

Admission is free. The gallery is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.