



intrigued by the window of what is neither a proper shop nor a house.
It once bore a sign that said "Futurist Food" in red

design", he says.

the passer-by might be

geometrical lettering. The sign has gone, and though meals are still sometimes served here, they are not what you will find in any food guide. As the "maître-d'oeuvre" — nglishman Giles Prince — explains, come from whatever ideas I'm ith at the time."

Prince is a modern humanist; an expert in various fields.

An architect by trade – "I've done a school, a library, a synagogue, four private houses and a few shops" – he is also a musician, a writer and a passionate gastronome. Dining provides the perfect theatre for his play, and his jumping-off point is the outrageous recipes of the Italian Futurists.

When the poet Marinetti founded Futurism in 1909, he put food at the forefront of modernity. The homely national dish, "la pasta," was to be banned and replaced by meals fuelled by speed, noise and iconoclasm. Prince discovered the Futurists at art school, while sharing a household with three girls he describes as "good cooks in different ways", but it was not until 1989, when Marinetti's cookbook became available in English, that his culinary adventures took flight. Diners at his tables might choose from edible moustaches, eruptive volcano cakes, bubbling sauces in bags, or brain-shaped, berry puddings. They may eat to a homemade soundtrack of helicopters, or "sonic poetry", accompanied by digital projections. Prince says his aim is to achieve a "total meal", but by no means the definitive one. Nothing is set in stone. "I am improvising, not thinking too much," he says. "I feel what the materials want to do." He keeps work and play separate, lest clients think him "not a serious architect", yet his pursuits seem inescapably linked – his buildings, for example, make up almost a Dadaist assemblage, and his dishes might be cityscapes. "I try to approach cooking as one might

ロンドンはイーストエンドの街な ルズ・1 に、道行く人の目を惹きそうなウ その才ントウがある。店とは呼べないが、 笑家とといって民家でもないこの場所に かつて、幾何学的な赤い文字で は来来派の料理」と書かれた看板が にいたこともあった。その看板は というくなったものの、ここでは今も宴 にして ダリア にこで出されるのはどんなグルメ 数々たここで出されるのはどんなグルメ 数々な 1イドにも載っていないものばかり 運動

「ここの料理は、僕がそのとき夢中 _{こなっている}アイデアから生まれ」 - マイマオ

建物の主である21世紀の未来》 アーティスト、ジャイルス・プリンジ はそう言って話し始めた。

レオナルド・ダ・ヴィンチさながら 現代のヒューマニストであるジャ1 シナゴーク、住宅、店舗などを設計してきた彼は、ミュージシャン、文策家にして大変な美食家。タイニンクという劇的な空間を最高の遊び場にしている彼の原点にあるのは、クリア未来派の奇抜なレシビの数々だ。20世紀初めにイタリアで未来が運動。を始めた詩人マリネッティに

20世紀初のにイタリアで未来派 運動を始めた詩人マリネッティは 新たな芸術・文化を創造するために は食べ物が重要と考えた。彼はイ タリアの代表料理である素朴な「バ スタ」を否定し、スピードと騒音に よって因習を打破する刺激的な食 事に切り替えるべきだと唱えたの である。その未来派にフリンスが異 味を持ったのは美術学幹時代、3人

His laid-back air is deceptive. Last November he fed 400 guests at the annual Christie's Italian Contemporary Art Sale. "I cannot use my own cook (fine artist Camille Katsuragi) on such a scale and have a catering firm prepare the dishes," he says. The menu featured "Cicero's Tongue" - braised lamb fillets stuck on pins. It was a detail for the erudite, who might recall Cicero's murder and post-morter punishment for having been a too-clever orator. It was followed by "The Moustaches of Important Italian Figures" simply bruscetta bread spread with olive paste - then "Multiple and Miscellaneous Squares and Snowballs in Nine Angels"; frothy lemon cakes in small boxes. The moustaches and other dishes were inspired by a trip to Italy, where Prince visited the museum dedicated to poet Gabriele D'Annunzio, a short, bald man with a moustache upon whom Italian fighters modelled themselves by shaving their heads. In the poet's honour, Prince asked all party guests to wear a moustache. "It was also a reference to graffiti,

he says. "Like when someone draws a moustache on the

「キケロの舌」「電気スープ」。料理はひたすらアイデア勝負 Mona Lisa."

両者は避けがたく結びついている 四角と雪玉たち と題されたのが、

The Italian trip could be a metaphor for Prince's creative process. "In the past I would have had a theme, like a geographically based meal, but now I just set out on an idea, without knowing what brings the dishes together," he says. "Nutrition is a small part of it. Some dishes can be eaten and are delicious. Others are just interesting to remind us of sensations and memories, to take us somewhere, not to deliver a conventional taste. Some are not meant to be eaten at all." One of his meals was concerned with Zen concepts of absence and disappearance. There was nothing to be eaten.

For Prince, cooking expresses "a different kind of intelligence making use of all kinds of resources. I call it greater intelligence." he jokes. Chance plays a big role. "I love it when things don't work," he says, "and need to be resolved. Then the event takes its own shape. I remember the sauce was rather bitter because the heating element

headless portrait is revealed like the figure on the Turin shroud when of food, technology and religion, it is faithful to the concept of the a rational world.

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あの髭には落書きの意味もあっ の絵に口髭を描くみたいなね」

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