

MEDIA INFORMATION

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Windsor Contemporary Art Fair and the Wine Affair

9th - 10th November 2013

More than just an art fair

This autumn, the eyes of the art and wine world are again focused on Windsor as it is transformed into the art and wine capital of the country. From November 9-10, the Windsor Contemporary Art Fair and The Wine Affair will be simultaneously opening their gates under one roof at the Royal Windsor Racecourse.

A great celebration of both contemporary and modern art, from renowned galleries and promising start-ups awaits visitors, with over 120 exhibitors Windsor Contemporary Art Fair is an institution in the world of art.

From its initial concept, Windsor Contemporary Art Fair rapidly developed into a respected forum of world-class national and international individual artists and galleries.

The driving forces behind this are the founders and directors, Deborah James and Sarah McAllister.

"We feel strongly that we offer real art for real people. We are very pleased to offer both the seasoned collectors, as well as interested visitors, a wealth of art, from new and established artists, in an exciting range; painting, sculpture, photography, and new media." says Deborah James

Along with nationally and internationally renowned artists and galleries, on show are also inspirational newcomers to discover.

"Over the last nine years, since the first Windsor Contemporary Art Fair, it has been important for us to never lose sight of our roots. From the beginning, the fair has promoted independent and emerging artists. We have always remained true to our principles", says Sarah McAllister.

Visitors can expect highlights such as artist Paul Bursnall, who has designed this year's collectable bag, popular West Yorkshire artist, Steve Harrington-Simpson MA, and Devon based print artist, Kerry Tremlett, who works on an 1861 Albion press.

Growing their portfolio of collaborations, this year there will be a talk by the Nationally renowned author, Helen Rappaport, on the 100th anniversary of The Birth of Photography: a story of genius and rivalry, in collaboration with the Thames Valley History Festival.

Firmly established, and a real collectors delight, are the miniature canvases donated by the artists for The Prince's Trust. They are sold for £40 to raise money for the charity, raising nearly £50,000 so far.

Visitors can participate in themed workshops by Reading artists' group, Jelly, or join Este MacLeod and add their own daub to one of her evolving canvases.

This is a truly indulgent weekend to enjoy the things that make our world more beautiful and enjoyable.

The Fair will be held on 9th & 10th November 2013 at Royal Windsor Racecourse.

See the website www.windsorcontemporaryartfair.co.uk

Where : Royal Windsor Racecourse Maidenhead Road, Windsor SL4 5JJ

When: Saturday 9th November 2013 10am – 6 pm

Sunday 10th November 2013 10am – 5pm

Private View and VIP OPENING by Adam Afriyie MP on Friday 8th November (Invitation only- see website for details)

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