



The Art Room

Press statement

Margaret Lovell D.Litt(Hon), DipFA(Lond),FRBS,RWA **19th October to 10th November 2013**

Margaret Lovell is an internationally acclaimed, award-winning modernist sculptor.

Reminiscent of Brancusi, Moore and Hepworth, Lovell's works are distinguishable by their complex simplicity; the abstracted forms are both powerful and graceful; visually arresting.

She has been valued by the serious collector since first showing with Marjorie Parr in London in the sixties. This current exhibition at The Art Room will focus on a unique collection of sculpture, drawings and prints from 1956 to date, many of which have not been seen before.

Lovell studied at the West of England College of Art (1956-60) before going to the Slade School of Fine Art in London and later the Academy of Fine Art in Florence. Lovell recounts the rigours of the 'Slade regime' in her book written by Peter Davies, she describes this time as 'Pivotally important' to her.

She is a Fellow of the Royal British Society of Sculptors and a Royal West of England Academician. She has recently been awarded an honorary Doctorate of Letters by the University of Leicester for her distinguished contribution to sculpture.

Margaret has had many solo exhibitions in London and the provinces. Both public and private commissions have been undertaken in the UK and the USA. These include a 6m bronze Spinnaker for Grafham Water, Cambridgeshire, a 2m bronze for Barclays Bank in Bristol and the World Sailing Championship Trophies for John Player. More recently she has been commissioned to make award sculptures for Unilever which have been sent all over the world.

There will be sculptures available for sale from between £395 and £9,000 these will include a number of highly sought after older pieces such as the iconic bronze 'Augustine Head' cast in 1956, *Zig Zag Wall* cast in 1958 and *Maze Tree* from 1964. Alongside these will be many exceptional drawings and prints.

Margaret will be giving a gallery talk on Sunday 3rd November at 4.00pm. (Booking in advance is essential) see website for details www.theartroomtopsham.co.uk.

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Maze Tree



Augustine Head



Zig Zag



Opus VI