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**CONTEMPORARY ART FAIRS – SURREY 15<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**Sandown Racecourse, Esher**

**The quest for that perfect piece of art.**

Following last year's highly-successful and impressive inaugural event, Contemporary Art Fairs – Surrey is back at Sandown Park with a full weekend of over 160 curated artists and galleries, live art demonstrations and workshops all in one place. Visitors can enjoy an immersive weekend of Art, find exactly what they are looking for - and have a great time doing it.

“Over one weekend, you could enjoy the thrill of discovering a future star, or commission an artist to create a unique piece for you; you could become part of an artist's success or invest in a piece of artwork and relish the status of a conversation piece; or, you could simply fall in love, and go home with something that is a part of your story forever.

Come and enjoy the experience of buying real art, from real artists producing exceptional work that looks great in your home and feels exciting to own”. Deborah James Fair Director

From established favourites, galleries, emerging stars, and selected new talent, both national and European, the artists work in a range of media; from fine art to high-end photography; from glass sculpture to lino print work; from textural abstract to traditional oil

landscapes, art lovers will find that 'something' perfect that brings a room together or creates a focal point that brings a home alive.

"When you buy original art, it's often an adventure. At our fairs you meet the artist in person, hear their story of the artwork, and understand the feeling behind it. Because the process of buying original artwork at our Contemporary Art Fairs is so different from buying mass-produced consumer artwork, you can expect to have a great story to tell at the end of it, these stories help create deeper personal connections between you and the artwork you buy." Sarah McAllister, Director of Contemporary Art Fairs

### **More Than Just An Art Fair**

From the opening Private View night, filled with wine and conversation, the weekend is a buzz of inspiration.

#### **Air Dry Clay Workshops with Watts Gallery**

Visitors are invited to join in with a Watts Gallery tradition stretching back over 100 years and meet the team from the Guildford-based gallery. They can roll up their sleeves and have a go at working with terracotta clay to make their very own ceramic curiosity, experiment with ceramic press moulds and find out more about the artists that began this tradition. All ages are welcome.

#### **Live Art Theatre**

A programme of demonstrations, talks and activities by artists running over the weekend, watch an artist take you through the process of creating a work of art, take part in a printing workshop or listen to a talk.

Some artists will be demonstrating their skills at their stands, others in The Live Art Theatre. Come and watch them turn a blank canvas into something quite remarkable while talking you through their techniques and inspiration. The perfect way to appreciate the creative process.

There is also an Art Quest with prizes for young visitors.

The famous Prince's Trust collectables are unique, specially-produced, original mini works donated by their community of artists and have raised over £70,000 for the Prince's Trust.

Whether you know what you are looking for, or are browsing for inspiration, it is an exceptional experience to see so much excellent choice in one place. With a winning mix of truly great work, across a wide range of tastes and styles, an interactive art space and wine, our fairs are a one-stop experience of really good, real art.

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#### **Editors Notes**

**Contemporary Art Fair Surrey 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Sandown Racecourse, Esher Surrey**

**Contemporary Art Fairs - Surrey** returns after a hugely successful inaugural event in the Contemporary Art Fairs portfolio of national art fairs and is already fully booked with an

exciting range of artists and art. This friendly and welcoming event exhibits new, emerging, mid-career, and established artists, creating contemporary works on paper, paintings, fine art and modern photography, print, ceramic, glass, sculpture and assemblage.

The fair opens with a VIP Private View evening at 6pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 while the public days take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 10am-6pm and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10am-5pm.

The mission of Contemporary Art Fairs is to bring real people and real artists face-to-face, for a real art experience.

Other events:

Contemporary Art Fairs – Newbury 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Contemporary Art Fairs – Windsor 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Watts Gallery – Artists' Village** is a unique Arts & Crafts gem in the lee of the North Surrey Hills, near Guildford. The joint architectural legacy of the internationally acclaimed artist G F Watts OM RA (1817-1904) and the renowned designer Mary Watts (1849-1938), the scenic estate comprises the artists' former home and studios, as well as Watts Gallery and Watts Chapel. Each season, the Artists' Village draws the best from its permanent collection of paintings, sculptures, drawings, pottery and design and complements it with its critically acclaimed temporary exhibitions and events programme. Inspired by the Wattses' belief that art should be accessible to everyone, the Watts Gallery Trust's Art for All programme also delivers artist-led workshops to socially excluded and vulnerable groups, enabling the development of new and transferable skills in order to build self-confidence and contribute to rehabilitation.

**Sandown Park Racecourse** is one of the top exhibition venues in the country. This popular site has ample parking, catering on site and excellent support facilities.

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