



MEDIA INFORMATION

WINDSOR CONTEMPORARY ART FAIR 2009

14-15th November

Royal Windsor Racecourse

(www.windsorcontemporaryartfair.co.uk)

'ART FOR ALL'

The Windsor Contemporary Art Fair 2009 promises to be a vibrant, 'hands-on' celebration of the best contemporary art and artists from the UK and worldwide. With the theme "Art for All", there will be something to appeal to everyone at this year's Fair.

More than 100 contemporary artists, sculptors, ceramicists and photographers from around **the UK and the rest of the** world will be exhibiting their work at this year's **Windsor Contemporary Art Fair** (14/15th November 2009, Royal Windsor Racecourse).

With such a huge diversity of fine art on display, there really will be something for everyone, say Fair organisers Deborah James and Sarah McAllister.

"Our theme this year is 'art for all'. We want people to come along and find out what contemporary art is all about. Visitors will have the chance to see and buy pieces of extraordinary originality, whether they are collectors or just want something eye-catching for their home.

"Above all," they say, "we want to debunk any myths that contemporary art is something only for the connoisseurs.

"In fact, it's fun, vibrant, exciting and incredibly creative."

Talk to the artists

One **particular benefit** of the Windsor Contemporary Art Fair is that it gives visitors an opportunity to talk to the artists about their work, inspiration and methods.

Sarah McAllister said: "At most art exhibitions, artists would be represented by a gallery, **together with** several other artists. The Fair gives them a different kind of exposure and many of them relish the experience of explaining what their work means to them."

Exhibitors this year include established names, as well as some of the best up-and-coming artists. Their work spans fine watercolours and oils, mixed media pieces, **sculpture** and 'urban' art.

For anyone looking to buy, pieces will be selling for between £30 and £3,000+, putting collectable contemporary art well within reach.

Harry Potter, graffiti and 'live' art

Highlights of this year's Fair are a series of hand-on workshops, including drawing master classes led by Cliff Wright, renowned for illustrating **two of** the Harry Potter books.

A group of 'urban' artists from the Soulful Gallery in Slough will be teaching young people how to create their own 'tag' or signature – not to

encourage them to write on walls, but to enable them to appreciate and, it is hoped, develop their own artistic skills.

Artists from the Soulful Gallery will also be **creating** a 6-metre long original work during the course of the weekend. This is the first time a piece of 'live' art has been created at the Fair. Visitors will be able to watch as the work takes shape.

International exhibitors

Among this year's international contingent is Rolyn Perez, a graduate of the San Alejandro Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Havana, Cuba. His work in acrylic on paper is abstract and ethereal, sometimes dark and brooding, sometimes playful, but always demonstrating a striking artistry.

By contrast, Malta-based artist Caroline Lawrence specialises in highly evocative scenes of both her adopted country and Africa perfectly capturing the intense light and colours of narrow streets, glittering bays, tiled courtyards and emotive portraits.

Local talent

Closer to home, artists from Berkshire feature prominently. Katie Tunn was born in Windsor and graduated from Central St Martin's College of Art and Design in 2008. As a part time soldier, her themes are often military or equestrian– but always with a contemporary edge.

Also from Windsor, Cynthia Barlow-Marrs draws inspiration from both nature and science. Working with hand-painted paper, cut or torn and painstakingly layered, she creates visually captivating pieces of scintillating colour.

And for views of Windsor captured on canvas, a visit to Bracknell-based artist Denis Blandford's stand is a must.

Supporting The Prince's Trust

The Windsor Contemporary Art Fair will be selling 8" x 8" canvases painted by a variety of artists – some professional, some celebrity, some amateurs. All proceeds will go to The Prince's Trust to help change the lives of disadvantaged young people in the Berkshire area.

Where to go

The Fair will be held at Royal Windsor Racecourse on 14/15th November 2009 (open each day 10am-5pm, parking available at the racecourse). Tickets are £6 for adults, £4 concessions and children under 12 get in free. Refreshments will be available.

Ends

Journalists' notes

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