

Two weeks to go until London Art Fair 2023



- There's just under two weeks until the London Art Fair launches the 2023 art calendar in the capital from 18-22 January 2023 (VIP Preview Tuesday 17 January).
- Discover & learn at London Art Fair as their full talks and events schedule is announced.
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London Art Fair is back in Islington's Business Design Centre this month with a vibrant talks and events programme, including the unveiling of a limited edition print as part of Barts Heritage's 900 by cartographer extraordinaire, Adam Dant. This programme complements the 1,000s of stunning contemporary and modern British artworks which will be presented by some of the UK's leading galleries at the Fair for visitors to add a breath of fresh air to their homes this New Year.

TALKS AND EVENTS

London Art Fair's programme of talks and performances includes discussions with artists, curators, art market experts, and key partners on current trends and topics emerging this year. Join panels exploring the latest developments in digitisation, social change, and the virtual-art market.

Join TAG Fine Arts in conversation with artist Adam Dant and Will Palin, CEO of Barts Heritage, to hear about their collaboration in celebration of the UK's oldest working hospital's 900th anniversary. Cartographer and artist Adam Dant has been commissioned by Barts Heritage to produce a commemorative map celebrating **the 900th anniversary of St Bartholomew's Hospital**. This talk will detail the commission, the hospital's major renovation plans for 2023, and the **launch of Dant's exclusive limited-edition print** sold in support of Barts Heritage.

The role of museums in the modern-day art world will be a prominent focus of the talks programme. Catherine McCormack, art historian, author and independent curator, will chair *What is the Role of Museums Today?* considering the social and political aspects, roles, and responsibilities of museums in relation to the art world ecosystem. Additionally, the Fair's 2023

Museum partner, **Ben Uri Gallery and Museum**, Executive Chair of Trustees David Glasser, will run an in conversation with Sam Phillips, Editor of RA Magazine, as they explore Ben Uri's radical reinvention as a 'virtual museum' and what opportunities digitisation offers for small museums in challenging times. David Glasser will also chair *Using Art Differently*, tackling what you don't know about Ben Uri and its collections.

In the technology field, *Women Artists Shaping the Metaverse*, chaired by Brooke Theis from Harper's Bazaar, will consider **the opportunity the virtual-art market presents women**; the ways in which female artists are building communities in the metaverse; and the women traders who are making their mark. *The Future of NFT Investment – has the dust really settled?* continues the technology focus, asking **why invest in NFTs?** After the explosion and subsequent slump in the past 18 months, the sector is now reporting a come-back. The panel, chaired by Gareth Fletcher, Director of Programmes at Sotheby's Institute, will discuss understanding NFTs in terms of aesthetic value, as well as tips on how best to invest in them from a legal perspective.

For those interested in exploring the subject of NFTs further, London Art Fair's Digital Partner Artscape will be presenting a **Fine Art NFT Exhibition** entitled *Observing the Human*, where five distinct points of observation on human nature are brought together in one exhibit. Each of the five concepts presented sprouts from roots in South Korean contemporary culture and iconography. The stems into different directions of the human experience, into observation, applying different mediums of expression powered by new opportunities that technology offers.

Ruth Millington, art historian and curator of London Art Fair 2023's **Platform** exhibition **Reframing the Muse**, will chair a panel discussion asking *Does the Artist's Muse Have a Place in the Modern World?* The panel will discuss the role, representation, and history of the muse, across time and cultures, from the Bloomsbury Group to today. To celebrate *Reframing the Muse*, the drag king Orlando, persona of Holly James Johnston, will present a lip-sync and dance performance which melds masculinities and femininities.

The 2023 talks programme will also see talks chaired by Pryle Berhman, curator of London Art Fair's new **Encounters** section, and Jo Baring, Director of The Ingram Collection, who will chair a dissection of what we mean by 'modern British art' in **Revisiting Modern British Art**. Apollo's panel *Drawn from Life: Biography in British Art History* will see Peter Parker and Florence Evans investigate the impact of a rise in return to the biographical method on entrenching particular ways of looking at the work of artists and how far can it enable the possibility of broadening out the story of modern British art to encompass neglected voices. Meanwhile, Founder of Paraplue, Julia Bell will discuss *Next Generation Collectors* alongside a panel of leaders from the worlds of art and tech including Artscape, and Sedition, as they discuss how collecting is evolving in a rapidly changing world and Amal Khalaf, Director of Public Programmes at Cubitt Gallery, will chair the *Bigger Picture: Art Institutions in a period of Social Change* talk.

London Art Fair also sees the return of **Photography Focus Day** on Friday 20 January, which will include three critical talks based around the themes emerging from this year's **Photo50** exhibition *Beautiful Experiments* whose featured artists' works explore domestic life and the idea of "home". Pelumi Odubanjo, one of Photo50's co-curators, will initiate by leading the panel *Where do Artists Gather?*, a discussion on where today's artists and photographers can find places to gather and form communities, and how these spaces develop. Additional talks will explore *Home, Memory and Diaspora*, *Searching for Homeplace* and *How do women curate photography?* Photography Focus Day will also contain a **performance** by Eburn Sodipo, a trans, black-british performance artist, who will explore what it means to create a home 'away' from home with a performance.

For those interested in **art and interiors**, *The Fine Art of Commissioning* will explore how collectors move from building a collection to commissioning artists to create unique works for either a private home or public space. This live discussion will be hosted by Adriana Paice Kent, Founder of Woven Spaces, and recorded and released as part of the BeSpoke podcast. Panellists include Cynthia Corbett, Director, Cynthia Corbett Gallery and Jane Adams, Founder, Author Interiors, London Art Fair's 2023 Furniture Partner.

GALLERY HIGHLIGHTS

Marking 30 years since their first stand at London Art Fair, **Narborough** will return to London Art Fair 2023 with a *one person show* featuring the work of Rachel Nicholson and **Glasgow Print Studio** will be celebrating their 50-year anniversary with a special exhibition celebrating 50 years of printmaking.

Jealous Gallery will be launching a new limited edition by David Shrigley alongside some other exclusive artworks created for the event including prints by Kate Gibb and Jess Wilson. While new to the Fair for 2023 **Cactus Moon Studio** will release work by Hilary Doyle alongside presenting Minyoung Kim's original works on paper.

Tanya Baxter Contemporary will be presenting a highly sought after Andy Warhol screenprint entitled *Reigning Queens - Queen Elizabeth II of The United Kingdom* alongside oil paintings by Bridget Riley and William Scott. **Elizabeth Xi Bauer** will exhibit large new format etchings by Theodore Ereira-Guyer stitched to fabric with new paintings by Abraham Kritzman and Cătălin Marius Petrișor Hereșanu, in dialogue with ceramics by Marta Jakobovits.

For the first time, London Art Fair has **commissioned an artwork to wrap the iconic front of the Business Design Centre** from artist Charley Peters. Charley Peters is a London-based painter whose work is concerned with the spatial potential of the painted surface, on which she applies subtle variations in colour, tone and scale to construct illusionary light and structural depth. Her work is set to illuminate the front of the building on those dark January nights and will be echoed within the Fair in the entrance to Encounters.

THURSDAY LATE

London Art Fair's popular **Thursday Late**, sponsored by Visit Malta, will run from 5pm-9pm on Thursday 19 January. At the late opening, art lovers can enjoy the Fair after dark alongside the sounds of a Live DJ Set for an alternative art world experience.

From 5 – 8pm visitors are invited to join Jealous Gallery and Print Studio for a Live Print Demonstration in the Encounters section of the Fair where they will be able to take home a print from artist Bench Allan in return for making a donation to Tottenham Food Bank.

GUIDED TOURS

There will be a selection of guided tours throughout the Fair week to enhance the experience of viewing the artworks on display. Themed highlight tours are provided by **Sotheby's Institute of Art** and the Encounters tours are provided by Encounters curator, Pryle Behrman.

Full information is available at <https://www.londonartfair.co.uk/talks-and-tours-2023/> where spaces for all talks and tours can be pre-booked to secure spaces.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Hannah Payne is curator of the talks and performances programme at London Art Fair and is available for comment.

LONDON ART FAIR - 18 – 22 January 2023

Business Design Centre, 52 Upper St, London N1 0QH

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DATES

Press Preview

Tuesday 17 January: 11am – 2pm

VIP Preview

Tuesday 17 January: 2pm – 5pm

Fair Times

Preview Evening: Tuesday 17 January: 5pm-9pm

Wednesday 18 January: 11am – 9pm

Private View: Wednesday 18 January: 5pm-9pm

Thursday 19 January: 11am – 9pm

Thursday Late 19 January: 5pm – 9pm

Friday 20 January: 11am – 7pm

Saturday 21 January: 11am – 7pm

Sunday 22 January: 11am – 5pm

ABOUT LONDON ART FAIR

London Art Fair was founded in 1989 by London's Business Design Centre in Islington – where the Fair still takes place today – with the aim of providing a space to showcase exceptional Modern and Contemporary Art, to discover and to buy. Launching with just 36 UK galleries, the Fair has grown steadily over the years with well over 100 galleries now regularly exhibiting.

The Fair provides a home for Modern British Art, as well as, embracing an increasingly international and contemporary outlook, with new galleries from around the world expanding our offer and reach – these now make up 25% of our exhibitors, and continue to grow.

The London Art Fair nurtures collecting at all levels, from prints and editions starting in the hundreds, to major works by internationally renowned artists including works by Grayson Perry, Bridget Riley, Henry Moore, and David Bomberg.

Providing a platform for nurturing talent the London Art Fair has played host to acclaimed artists early in their career as well as established names, with Chris Ofili and Jenny Saville awarded 'rising star' awards at the 1996 edition.

The Fair's extensive gallery line up showcases a diverse cross-section of art from emerging talent to established art world favourites; alongside an inspiring programme of curated talks, panel discussions and artists insights.

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