

New Faces Join London Art Week for Summer 2020 Digital Event 3-10 July 2020



Jean-Étienne Liotard (1702-1789), William Ponsonby, 2nd Earl of Bessborough, 1754, pastel on vellum, Lowell Libson & Jonny Yarker Ltd; Henri-Pierre Danloux (1753-1809), Portrait of Simon Pauquet, oil on canvas, Didier Aaron; Sir Anthony Van Dyck (1599-1641), Portrait of a Young Girl in a White Apron, c. 1630, oil on canvas, Philip Mould & Company

The innovative digital presentation of London Art Week Summer 2020, taking place from 3-10 July 2020, welcomes numerous new faces alongside familiar participants that have supported the event for many years. Some 50 exhibitors have been confirmed to date. International newcomers include Galerie Canesso and Jacques Leegenhoek from Paris, Nicolás Cortés Gallery of Madrid, Daxer & Marschall and Arnoldi-Livie of Munich, and, from Italy, dealers such as Walter Padovani of Milan with sculpture, Antichità Alberto Di Castro Srl of Rome with works of art, Bottegantica of Bologna with Italian art and Enrico Ceci Cornici Antiche of Modena with fine antique frames. From the USA come new participants Jill Newhouse Gallery and Mireille Mosler. Among new London-based dealers taking part in London Art Week this summer is Stuart Lochhead Sculpture, Osborne Samuel Ltd, Panter & Hall, Benjamin Proust Fine Art Ltd, and Offer Waterman. Sladmore Gallery and Philip Mould & Company return after a few years. Works for sale span 5000 years of art, from ancient Egypt to Modern British, with an emphasis on Old and Modern Masters, offered by the world's most respected fine art galleries.

In response to the global Covid-19 situation, London Art Week has created a new online space for dealers to work together, preserving the collegiate nature of the event which embraces auction houses and which is supported by museum partners and art world sponsors. A major feature is a new series of mixed, curated Viewing Rooms where works from a cross-section of participants will be shown side by side, a new way for dealers to be discovered by a world-wide audience. The Viewing Rooms go live from 3-10 July, with an invitation-only Private View on 2 July.



Bartolomeo Passerotti (1529-1592), Portrait of a gentleman, c. 1575, oil on canvas, Nicolás Cortés Gallery; Pietro Ricchi (1606-1675), Morra Players, c. 1644, oil on canvas, Galerie Canesso; Michel-Martin Drolling (1786-1851), Painter in his Atelier in Rome, c. 1815, oil on canvas, Arnoldi-Livie; David Bailly (1584-1657) Portrait of a man with a dog, oil on panel, Jacques Leegenhoek



Dealer pages on the London Art Week website will house up to 25 works per gallery, and there is provision in LAW DIGITAL for supporting material such as videos, film clips, essays and exhibition catalogues. At the time of writing, it is hoped some of the London-based dealers may be able to open their galleries too. A comprehensive digital catalogue will accompany London Art Week Summer 2020.

THEMES of HUMANITY AND PORTRAITURE

This summer, many exhibitions focus on the human form and there are many portrait highlights – perhaps life under lockdown has reminded us of the importance of the human face and the stories they mask or express. Lullo • Pampoulides, taking inspiration from our current and unusual situation, is curating an exhibition of portraiture, *In Silent Conversation: Portraits from the 16th to the 20th Centuries*, while Galleria Carlo Virgilio & C. is showing *Faces 4*, a series of Italian self-portraits and portrait paintings, mostly of the early 20th century, all new to the market and selected for their quality and intriguing iconography.

Sam Fogg presents *Medieval Faces*, which brings together some 40 artworks in sculpture, painting, stained glass and manuscript illumination, all created by European artists during a period spanning the 13th to 16th centuries. Through this varied spectrum of objects, the show will aim to demonstrate how the interests and concerns of our medieval forebears, and their insatiable drive to capture the essence of human presence, are really no different from our own in today's world.

New exhibitor **Nicolás Cortés Gallery** of Madrid has a wonderful c. 1575 *Portrait of a Gentleman* by Bartolomeo Passerotti (1529-1592) of Bologna, an example of the artist's innovative 'staged' portraiture, in which the sitter is depicted 'in action'.

Portraits also feature strongly at **Philip Mould & Company**, returning to London Art Week after a few years, where highlights include works by Sir Anthony Van Dyck, Duncan Grant, Sir Peter Lely, and a captivating portrait of *James Abbott McNeill Whistler, with the old Battersea Bridge and the Swan Tavern beyond,* painted in 1869 by the artist's friend Walter Greaves (1846-1930).



Étienne Hippolyte Maindron, called Hippolyte Maindron (1801-1884), Ceres, c. 1830-5, terracotta, Lullo • Pampoulides; Baldassarre Peruzzi (1481-1536), *Three Graces*, c. 1508/9, detached fresco, Antichità Alberto Di Castro Srl; Alice Mary Chambers (1854/5-1893), *Portrait of a woman*, red chalk, Karen Taylor Fine Art; Helene Schjerfbeck (1862-1946), *Landscape at Hyvinkää*, 1914, oil and charcoal on cardboard, laid down on canvas, Daxer & Marschall

WOMEN IN ART

There are several exhibitions featuring women artists: **Ben Elwes Fine Art** will present a painting by the Swedish artist Anna Katerina Boberg (1864-1935) who for many decades created work inspired by glaciers, the sea and the midnight sun particularly around the archipelago of Lofoten in the Norwegian Sea. Boberg even joined a scientific voyage funded by the Swedish Crown in 1911 and her resulting paintings went on tour to the USA in a special exhibit of Scandinavian art sponsored by Gustav V of Sweden and the crowned heads of Norway and Denmark.



Karen Taylor Fine Art presents an exhibition of *British Women Artists, 1780-1890 – a Selection of Works on Paper*. Karen says: "The work of women artists provides us with an important counterbalance in art history and its gradual emergence into the mainstream is to be celebrated. [Because they worked] outside the academic sphere, female artists have not received the attention bestowed upon their male counterparts." She hopes "this small selection... will contribute a little to the current reassessment of their work." Among artists featured is Augusta Innes Withers (1792-1877), botanical painter to Queen Charlotte and Queen Victoria, and painter to the Royal Horticultural Society, and Evelyn De Morgan (1855-1919), one of the stars of the recent *Pre-Raphaelite Sisters* show at the National Portrait Gallery.



Collection of turned works of art, South German, Cl7th-Cl8th, turned bone, nutmeg, glass, goosefeather quills, painted wood, ht: 12-25 cm, **Georg Laue, Kunstkammer Ltd**

FEATURE EXHIBITIONS

New participant **Stuart Lochhead Sculpture** has joined forces with **Georg Laue**, **Kunstkammer Ltd.** (London) to show an exhibition dedicated to *The Studiolo: From Renaissance to Modern*. The studiolo was a private space for the scholar and collector to handle treasures, read books, study scientific instruments and contemplate the humanist world, and where collectors could share their knowledge and exchange ideas with fellow connoisseurs. This joint exhibition blends the old with the new in the way the Renaissance collector would have done, and shares the intimacy and private world of the *studiolo* with a wider audience. Highlights include an unique masterpiece of German bronze casting, in the form of an octagonal mortar with griffin head handles of c.1547, described as the *chef d'oeuvre* of Albert Hachman, the celebrated bronze founder from Cleves, and a rare sculpture by Théodore Géricault (1791-1824), cast in plaster after a wax model made by the artist in preparation for the *Raft of the Medusa* of 1819, in the Musée du Louvre, Paris.

Art and the Domestic Space is an exhibition by **Trinity Fine Art** which aims to recreate a domestic space of the Renaissance and Baroque eras, and featuring objects commissioned by families for their villas and palaces. One of the most important functions of art in a home was to exalt the standing of the family who lived there. Highlights include three portraits of a dynastic nature: two marble busts by Alessandro Rondoni (c.1644-1710) and a painting by Mario Balassi (1604-1687) from the collection of the noble Florentine Corsi family.



Aloys Zötl (1803-1887), Two Amazonian Horned Frogs, 1884, watercolour, Stephen Ongpin Fine Art; Jean-Baptiste Carpeaux (1827-1875), Bacchante aux Roses or La Rieuse, c. 1872, marble, Stuart Lochhead Sculpture; Keith Vaughan (1912-1977), Landscape with Nude Bathers, 1948, oil on canvas, Osborne Samuel Ltd



Stephen Ongpin Fine Art is celebrating nature and going back to the roots of drawing and inspiration in *Drawn to Nature: Flora and Fauna from the 16th Century to the Present*. Selecting natural history subjects from across 450 years, the exhibition, available to be viewed online and in their St James's gallery in London, will consist of around 40 drawings and watercolours of natural history subjects priced between £1,000 and £150,000. It is accompanied by a fully illustrated digital catalogue, and includes the work of several living artists.

New participant **Panter & Hall** presents *The Lost Drawings of Steven Spurrier*. Steven Spurrier (1878-1961) was an artist, author, poster designer and one of the most successful illustrators of his time, for over 50 years a regular contributor to the *Illustrated London News, The Sketch, The Radio Times* as well as many other British, American and German publications. He was the first illustrator of Arthur Ransome's classic book *Swallows and Amazons*. A collection of his paintings and drawings had lain forgotten in an old barn, and were only found by his family when the property came to be sold.

Osborne Samuel Ltd, the Modern British specialists taking part in their first London Art Week, will have two features for this Summer's LAW DIGITAL presentation: rare prints by Paul Nash & C. R. Wynne Nevinson and their circle with a full digital catalogue and short film, and a Modern British Art exhibition focusing on major post war British sculptors and painters, including unseen works from the estate of John Craxton, important paintings and works on paper by Frank Auerbach, Leon Kossoff, Ben Nicholson, Ivon Hitchens, Victor Pasmore, Graham Sutherland, Keith Vaughan and Christopher Wood, in addition to the influential sculpture of Lynn Chadwick, Henry Moore and William Turnbull.



Auguste Rodin (1840-1917), The Burghers of Calais, 1884-1889, ht: up to 48cm, bronze, Sladmore Gallery; Rinaldo Rinaldi (1793-1873), Peace and Justice Embracing, ht: 56 cm, 1845, terracotta, Walter Padovani

Sladmore Gallery returns to London Art Week; their chosen subject, inspired by current circumstances, will show a number of important sculptures which normally remain unseen in their collections but which have been leant by the gallery to international museum exhibitions. Among major works is a group of reductions of *The Burghers of Calais*, reworked by Auguste Rodin (1840-1917) after the completion of the life-sized figures, and made for him by Lebossé between 1895 and 1903; only six groups of these reductions are known, two of which are in museums. The present group is currently in the Städel Museum in Frankfurt for the largest and most complete exhibition on Impressionist sculpture, with works from major museums on loan from across the world. The museum has just reopened and the exhibition has now been extended until the end of October.

Tomasso Brothers Fine Art is following a related thread, and presenting *The Sculpture Museum:* works after sculptures that are in museums around the world, bringing a piece of the museum to the viewer, given it is impossible to travel there in person right now. Highlights include a 17th century finely carved porphyry portrait of Emperor Trajan (governed 98 AD to 117 AD), celebrated by the Senate as Optimus Princeps, "the best ruler". Carved in Rome, this head is closely related to a 2nd century AD white marble portrait of Trajan, now in the Louvre Museum, Paris and formerly in the renowned antiquities collection of the Albani family in Rome. The same collection held a second version of this composition, now in the Musei Capitolini, Rome.



HIGHLIGHTS – PAINTINGS & WORKS ON PAPER

Among individual highlights this year is a newly-discovered work by Cesare Franchi, known as Pollino (1560-1598) in pen, pencil and gouache on a gilded background – a beautiful depiction of the *Crowning of the Virgin surrounded by a Female Saint, Angels playing music and Children dancing,* c. 1590 – which Belgian dealer Klaas Muller will exhibit.

In contrast, new exhibitor **Galerie Canesso** is showing *Caravaggism and Tenebrism in Seventeenth Century Italy* where among highlights are two masterful examples of chiaroscuro: in a work by Pietro Ricchi (1606-1675) depicting an intense game of coins called morra between two men; and another of Salome with the head of John the Baptist, by Francesco Rustici, called 'll Rustichino' (1592-1626).



Cesare Franchi, known as Pollino (1560-1598), *Crowning of the Virgin*, c. 1590, pen, pencil and gouache on a gilded background, Klaas Muller; Jean Francois Millet (1814-1875), *Le Depart pour Les Champs*, 1863, conte on paper, Jill Newhouse Gallery; Workshop of Baccio Bandinelli (1493-1560), *Study after Michelangelo's David*, c. 1540, pen and brown ink on paper, Benjamin Proust Fine Art Ltd; Anna Katarina Boberg (1864-1935), *Putting Out to Sea*, 1911, Ben Elwes Fine Art

Lowell Libson & Jonny Yarker Ltd presents four remarkable mid-19th century collages, a group of extraordinary and almost hallucinatory works by John Bingley Garland (1791-1875), a successful merchant, pioneer Canadian politician, public servant and mysterious 'outsider' artist. He developed a technique of combining cut-outs from architectural and old master prints with natural history engravings, passages of scripture, *découpage* papers and ink crosses of various forms into bold and bizarre images, which he then elaborately and copiously decorated with drips of 'blood' in red ink. It is the addition of the blood which transforms these eclectic collages from the Victorian common place to proto-surrealist works of extraordinary power.

Guy Peppiatt Fine Art will show an unfinished sketch of *The Matterhorn from the north-east, Switzerland* by John Ruskin (1819-1900); Ruskin inscribed the sketch 'State of snow on Matterhorn in 1849' which makes it one of the first detailed studies of the summit of the Matterhorn, a mountain that was not successfully climbed until 1865, and also shows Ruskin's early interest in what we would now call 'climate change'.

HIGHLIGHTS – SCULPTURE & WORKS OF ART

Desmet Gallery offers a magnificent and monumental (150 cm diameter) work by Giovanni Della Robbia (1469-1529/30), a frame in the form of a garland of fruit, vegetables and flowers, in polychromatic glazed terracotta dating to c1520-1525.

Showcasing his Milan gallery at London Art Week for the first time, **Walter Padovani**, also an associate of Trinity Fine Art in London, has a rare, signed and beautiful terracotta with an interesting provenance by Canova's neoclassical heir, Rinaldo Rinaldi (1793-1873). The sculpture depicts *Peace and Justice Embracing*, with a base showing the royal coat of arms. The work was formerly in the collection of Harewood House, home to the Earls of Harewood.





Giovanni Della Robbia (1469-1529/30), Frame: garland of fruit, vegetables and flowers, c. 1520-1525, polychromatic glazed terracotta, **Desmet Gallery**; Rome, 17th century, Portrait Head of Emperor Trajan (53-117 AD), porphyry, ht: 38 cm (15 in.), **Tomasso Brothers Fine Art;** Giovanni Boldini (1842-1931), Rose garden, c. 1900-1905, watercolour, **Bottegantica**; Alessandro Rondoni (c.1644-1710), Domenico Maria Corsi, c. 1686, marble, **Trinity Fine Art**

First-time exhibitor Enrico Ceci Cornici Antiche, frame specialists, offers an exquisite Sienese style Renaissance frame with unique gilding and tempera decoration. The outer edge is painted with recurring ivory and gilded leaves motifs. The inner section is decorated with relief-carved cartouches in Sansovino style, with a golden lion figure on a lapis lazuli-pigmented background, the whole dating no later than the mid-16th century.

Benappi Fine Art has an unusual Orientalist style Bust of a Moor by Davide Calandra (1856-1915), one of the most prominent Italian sculptors of the late 19th and early 20th Century. *The Moor* was created during an early phase in Calandra's career characterised by the execution of a number of busts focussed on a range of historical and mythical human figures. He produced these in a range of mediums and presented them at The Italian Exhibition in London in 1888.

Joining London Art Week for the first time, **Mireille Mosler**, the New York-based gallerist in Old and Modern Masters, says: "I am really in favor of supporting an old master platform and see this as perhaps the only digital strategy in our field." She adds, "With the cancellation of all fairs this year, I want to support LAW DIGITAL, and our old master community, as we find new ways forward in the online world to connect with our international audiences."

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Further news and developments for London Art Week Summer 2020 will be announced soon. Join the London Art Week community: register at www.londonartweek.co.uk to receive communications about Summer 2020.

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Above: Aedicula Frame, Venice, 16th century, Enrico Ceci Cornici Antiche