

LONDON'S TOP WINTER FINE ART & ANTIQUES FAIR

The Winter Fine Art & Antiques Fair, Olympia has long been considered one of the key art and antiques events in the run-up to Christmas, set in the grand surroundings of the Victorian exhibition halls in West Kensington.

Now in its 15th year, the fair is renowned for its exceptionally fine furniture, art and traditional antiques, loan exhibition and expert buying advice, offering endless inspiration for collectors, interior designers and Christmas shoppers. This year the Winter Fair is headed up by Stephanie Dieckvoss, previously fair manager at the Frieze Art Fair.

From the splendour of an eighteenth-century chaise-longue, the extravagance of an Art Deco teapot to the intricacy of a bejewelled brooch the fair is an extraordinary treasure trove of surprises for both dedicated collectors and curious browsers.

The Winter Fair has also become a major event in the annual social calendar. 2006 saw visitor numbers rise over 20,000 and celebrities including Jools Holland, Richard E. Grant, Victoria Rothschild, Dries van Noten, Kay Saatchi, Gianluca Vialli and interior designer Nina Campbell were all spotted, doing the rounds of the stands.

This year's loan exhibition is the exquisite 'Simply British: A Private Collection of Naïve English Paintings' curated by leading folk art dealer Robert Young and director of Crane Calman, Robin Light.

Supported by the two most important trade associations, the British Antique Dealers' Association and The Association of Art & Antiques Dealers, every item exhibited by the Fair's 240 English and International dealers has been vetted for quality and authenticity.

Olympia works with over one hundred experts across 28 object categories, from rare glass, ceramics and textiles to clocks, prints, sculpture, mirrors and maps to ensure that the highest standards are maintained. During the run of the Fair, Corfield Morris, Advisors in Antiques and Fine Art will be available to give guidance on purchases.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Winter Fine Art and Antiques Fair, Olympia

Olympia Exhibition Halls, □ Hammersmith Road, □ London W14 8UX

www.olympia-antiques.com

Opening hours from 12 to 18 November: Monday preview night; Tuesday to Sunday from 11am daily, closing at 8pm from Tuesday to Thursday, at 7pm on Friday and Saturday and at 5pm on Sunday.

On-site dining at Leith's Bistro, cafés and the Champagne Bar.

Ticket Hotline +44 (0)871 231 9218 or www.seetickets.com

Advance Booking Discount £10 single / £16 double

On the door £12 single / £20 double

A fully illustrated catalogue will be available at the Fair

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