

## Winter Art & Antiques Fair Olympia Returns for a 27<sup>th</sup> Year 31<sup>st</sup> October – 5<sup>th</sup> November



The acclaimed [Winter Art & Antiques Fair Olympia](#) returns to London this October for its 27th year. Running from 31st October until 5th November, it is the flagship art and antiques event of the British winter season. 100 of the UK's very best dealers will be offering an incredible array of over 30,000 one-off, diverse and truly original pieces – all within the iconic setting of London Olympia.

The fair is an inspiring destination for home owners and interior designers as well as seasoned collectors. It is particularly popular with those looking for unusual, not-on-the-high-street Christmas gifts. The six-day event is expected to attract over 20,000 shoppers from the UK and internationally, all looking to buy works priced from £100 to hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Ranging from signed jewellery, artwork, furniture, ceramics, glassware, clocks, fossils, textiles, mirrors, silver and sculpture – the Fair will host an amazing choice of pieces that is sure to inspire the experienced buyer or the first time follower.

**Mary Claire Boyd, Fair Director** says: *“The Winter Art & Antiques Fair Olympia has become an important event for the winter arts season, attracting consumers and trade alike. The Fair also runs at the same time as Asian Art in London when major collectors descent on London. The diversity of pieces on sale from our dealers is extraordinary and ranges from diamonds to dining tables and from lanterns to Lalique.*

*“Interest in antique furniture appears to be increasing as interior fashion favours an eclectic mixture of old and new. These pieces provide long lasting durability and many years of pleasure to live with.”*

It is the only fair in the UK to work in association with the top two trade associations, BADA (The British Antiques Dealers' Association) and LAPADA (The Association of Art & Antiques Dealers). There is a very strict vetting process in place whereby everything is checked by independent experts to ensure that every piece for sale is genuine and correctly labelled.

There is a complimentary interiors and arts talks programme and highlight tours from an independent art advisor. Both are included within the ticket price

**Anthea Gesua from Anthea A G Antiques** is one of the UK's top specialists in gem set jewellery from the likes of Boucheron, Cartier and Van Cleef & Arpels, and has exhibited at the Fair for many years. She says: *"The Winter Olympia Fair has always had a special slot as the last London fair of the year and offers visitors a great mix of period through to later items with a real feel of a true antiques fair. We are looking forward to meeting new, and old, clients there again."*

**Patrick Sandberg Antiques** are experts in late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> Century English furniture and bronze and ormolu works of art. **Patrick Sandberg** says: *"Business is always brisk at the Winter Art & Antiques Fair Olympia. We have exhibited there ever since its inception and it is a great event that attracts good clients and has a lovely atmosphere. The Winter evenings really do make the fair sparkle."*

From 4pm until 9pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, there will be an exclusive Preview Event where visitors can have a first view of the incredible array of pieces on offer.

Ticket prices for Preview day are £30 while standard advance admission is £15\* and £20 on the door.

The Winter Art & Antiques Fair Olympia will take place at the Olympia London, Hammersmith Road, London, W14 8UX.

For more information visit [www.olympia-antiques.com](http://www.olympia-antiques.com).

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#### **Notes to Editors**

The Winter Art & Antiques Fair Olympia is one of the UK's largest and most established art and antiques fairs, taking place annually in October/November at London's iconic Kensington Olympia Exhibition Centre. Celebrating its 27<sup>th</sup> year in 2017, The Winter Art & Antiques Fair Olympia is recognised as one of the most prestigious Fairs in the UK, attracting over 100 dealers, showcasing more than 30,000 pieces to at least 20,000 visitors each year. It is organised by Clarion Events Ltd.