

20|21 international art fair

'Colourful, exotic and eccentric' is how the 20|21 International Art Fair was described on Bloomberg TV and this year's fair, which takes place in the prestigious galleries of the Royal College of Art from 14 – 17 May, aims to be just that.

It will be opened by Uri Geller, the internationally acclaimed illusionist, at 12 noon on Thursday, 14 May. Geller is an avid collector and also a talented artist who was taught by the great Salvador Dali.

On show at this 'boutique' fair, now in its ninth year, will be modern and contemporary art from the UK and around the world. Although most the 60 participating galleries are UK based, they will feature work from a whole host of countries including Eire, France, Japan, Russia, Serbia and South Africa to name a few.

There will be oils, original prints, watercolours, drawings, collage, some photography and sculpture from 1900 to the present day. Prices range from a few hundred pounds to many thousands – without doubt something to appeal to all tastes and pockets.

75th ANNIVERSARY OF LONDON IN THE BLITZ

To mark the 75th anniversary, there is a special display by previously unseen work by Olga Lehmann who lived through the devastation of the bombing, recorded it on paper and also recorded many moving scenes of people living through it - in underground shelters and celebrating New Year in 1940 for instance. (more information on www.20-21intartfair.com)

London continues to be a magnet for art collectors and art lovers. The major public galleries annually attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to an unrivalled variety of exhibitions, while the number of commercial galleries in the capital continues to grow.

Fairs, too, have a large role in the market by making art accessible to those at the starter level as well as to those seeking to add to their collections. Those such as 20|21 International, with a rich diversity of styles, media and price, are a major part of the London art scene.

20|21 is organised by Gay Hutson and Angela Wynn who also run the successful 20/21 British Art Fair each September at the same venue.

DATES: 14 – 17 MAY 2015
VENUE: Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7 2EU
TIMES: Thurs: 11am-9pm; Fri: 11am-8pm; Sat: 11am-7pm; Sun: 11am-6pm
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