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WINDSOR GREAT PARK
The Savill Garden

Press Release

Surrey Sculpture Society's 'Art in the Garden' Exhibition to open at The Savill Garden

Surrey Sculpture Society will be opening its first major open-air exhibition this year at 'The Savill Garden' at Englefield Green, near Egham, Surrey. The 'Art in the Garden' sculpture exhibition will be within the 35 acres of gardens, located within the boundaries of Windsor Great Park and will open on **23rd September and run until 3rd November**.

Tickets must be booked in advance online at windsorgreatpark.co.uk/art

This autumn exhibition will give visitors the opportunity to enjoy a diverse range of sculptures, strategically positioned throughout the gardens and will include 66 pieces by 42 artists, with all works for sale. Styles of sculptures will range from modern abstract to more classical styles, from fired earth, metal, glass, stone, wood and bronze - with each piece accompanied by the artist's statement.

Andy Bendix, Surrey Sculpture Society's Exhibition Manager, commented:

"It is with great pleasure and not a little relief that Surrey Sculpture Society will be returning for the third time this September to the amazing Savill Garden, a hidden gem in the heart of Windsor Great Park. Truly, after all the challenges of the last months, to be able to enjoy being part of this beautiful place, considered to be one of Britain's greatest ornamental gardens is like a dream come true."

"The garden never fails to charm visitors who come to explore the contemporary and classically designed gardens and exotic woodland. We feel very privileged to display our work in such a beautiful setting and are delighted with the enthusiastic welcome back we have received. Visitors will find something to suit every taste and pocket and children love to follow the sculpture map."

Visitors to the gardens will discover a wide range of sculptures carefully positioned throughout various areas of The Savill Garden, including the Hidden Gardens, Summer Gardens, New Zealand Garden, Summer Wood, The Glades, Autumn Wood and the Winter Beds. Further sculptures will be on display in The Queen Elizabeth II Temperate House and inside The Savill Building. The works of art will complement the many unusual plants and trees from across the globe.

The 'Art in the Garden' event will feature sculptures created by members of the Surrey Sculpture Society, who range from new and emerging sculptors to internationally acclaimed sculptors from across the south of England. They have produced affordable and original sculptures made from a wide range of materials that can form eye-catching focal points in gardens, conservatories and interiors. All works will be for sale during the event.

John Anderson, Keeper of the Gardens in Windsor Great Park commented:

"It's great to be hosting the Surrey Sculpture Society in The Savill Garden, especially this year given the challenging times that we have been experiencing. We look forward to seeing new and familiar visitors embracing artistic and horticultural excellence in one of the most beautiful gardens in the country."

Michelle Cleave, Supervisor of The Savill Garden commented:

"This year's exhibition by the Surrey Sculpture Society builds on an exciting time for the Garden, with sensitively placed artworks both enhancing and complementing the landscape, drawing inspiration for the creative eye and providing new perspectives"

The sculpture exhibition will be designed by SSS sculptor, Denise Jaques, who will be collaborating closely with The Savill Garden team, and she commented:

"Working with the seasons at Savill Garden is both exciting and challenging. We start planning in spring/summer, whilst visualising an autumn/winter exhibition. The Savill team have a wealth of knowledge and really understand how the Garden transitions throughout the seasons. It is so important to find the perfect position for each of the sculptures, whilst showing consideration to the changing palette of colour and texture. It is such a joy to see the sculptures finally in position complementing the Garden and the Garden complementing the sculptures."

The Savill Garden has well planned Covid-19 safety procedures in place for visitors and staff - see the Visitor Updates on the Windsor Great Park website.

For further information on Savill Garden entrance, opening times and booking tickets visit:

www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/savillgarden

Windsor Great Park social media channels.

<https://www.facebook.com/WindsorGreatPark> <https://twitter.com/WindsorGtPark>

The Savill Garden is located at Wick Lane, Englefield Green, TW20 0UU

The exhibition opens from 23th September - 3rd November 2020

Opening times – 9.30am to 6pm daily. Last admission at 5pm.

Winter opening times from 1st November - 9.30am to 4.30pm daily. Last admission at 3.30pm.

Admission to the Sculpture Exhibition is included in entrance to The Savill Garden:
Savill Garden entrance fees are as follows -
Adult: £12, Children (0-4 years): FREE when accompanied by an adult, Children (5-15 years): £6 per person, Groups of 10+: £10 each (Free ticket for group organiser 11th person in the group), Carers: FREE.

FROM 1st November

See website for Winter prices

Car Parking: Free with your Garden Ticket

For The Savill Garden visit www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/art

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For information on Surrey Sculpture Society, visit www.surreysculpture.org.uk

Facebook: @SurreySculptureSociety Twitter: @SurreySculptors

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IMAGES OF SCULPTURES:

DROPBOX LINK TO A RANGE OF HIGH RES IMAGES:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/o739udc83w454wz/AAAZJXaVg1vqO8BH5oE_BOO8a?dl=0

Click on the above Dropbox link to access the full range of images of sculptures that will be on display.

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Notes for Editors:

About Surrey Sculpture Society:

From small beginnings a group of just fourteen sculptors living in Surrey 26 years ago – the Surrey Sculpture Society has grown into a major force, now attracting considerable interest from the media and been featured on the BBC Radio 2 Arts Show, on BBC One TV and across the arts, gardening and regional media.

The SSS now has over 250 members spread across the South East of England and further afield across the UK, encompassing both professionals and talented emerging sculptors. It aims to promote interaction between sculptors, to organise exhibitions and to encourage an appreciation of sculpture.

The society stages major events in prestigious venues including RHS Garden Wisley, RHS Garden Hyde Hall, Beaulieu, Guildford Cathedral, Fulham Palace, The Landmark Arts Centre and other renowned locations.

About The Savill Garden:

No trip to Windsor Great Park is complete without a visit to The Savill Garden. Sir Eric Savill first created this woodland garden in the 1930's and since then many others have undertaken a tireless quest to add their own expertise and creativity to The Savill Garden, pushing the boundaries of its design. The garden team is continually refreshing and renewing the plantings, displays and landscaping.

Visitors can explore eight distinct gardens across 35 acres to discover rare plants and stunning seasonal displays. They can have a bite to eat at the Savill Garden Kitchen or treat themselves to a cream tea in The Gallery Café. The Gift Shop and Plant Centre offers a wide range of tempting garden inspired gifts, seasonal goods and plants grown in the Royal Gardens.

About Windsor Great Park:

Sweeping historic parkland, award-winning gardens, ancient woodland and forest trails – there is something for everyone at Windsor Great Park

With thousands of acres to explore visitors are never short of something to do if escape and fun is high on their to-do list. With a Royal history spanning over 1,000 years, they can encounter historical monuments, ancient forests and stunning horticultural displays, as well as rare wildlife, plants and fungi.

Here are just some of the fun things that visitors can do when they visit The Great Park:

- Visit one of our outstanding Gardens. Each has its own distinctive feel, bursting with colourful displays that transform over the season.
<https://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/en/activities/visiting-the-gardens>
- Groups have a range of fantastic packages to choose from.
<https://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/en/visit/group-visits>
- For a hike, brisk walk or gentle stroll. There are many for visitors to choose from.
<https://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/en/activities/walking>

- The Great Park is a fantastic place to run and whether our visitors are beginners who need inspiration or a regular runner looking for a different challenge and a fresh experience, they are sure to find a route that's right for them.
<https://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/en/activities/running>
- The Great Park welcomes well behaved dogs and owners. Take a look at our guidelines
<https://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/en/activities/dog-walking>
- Carp fishing is available from two outstanding lakes.
<https://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/en/activities/fishing>