



Surrey
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WINDSOR GREAT PARK
The Savill Garden

Press Release

Inspirational Early Autumn Sculpture Exhibition at The Savill Garden

The natural haven of beautifully designed gardens and woodland at The Savill Garden, located within Windsor Great Park, will be the setting for one of the country's most diverse exhibitions of sculpture - from **25th September until 5th November**. The early autumn 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.

The sculptors' creations will be carefully positioned throughout various areas within The Savill Garden's 35 acres, including the Hidden Gardens, Spring Wood, Summer Gardens, New Zealand Garden, Summer Wood, The Glades, Autumn Wood and the Winter Beds. The works of art will complement the abundance of unusual plants sourced by plant explorers from across the globe.

John Anderson, Keeper of the Garden for Windsor Great Park commented:

"It is very exciting to be working with the Surrey Sculpture Society again in one of the most beautiful gardens in the country. I am looking forward to seeing the sculptures enhancing and challenging the Garden's landscapes, and hope that our visitors will be inspired by this combination of artistic and horticultural excellence."

Henriette van der Does, Surrey Sculpture Society Chair, commented:

"We are proud to announce our renewed involvement with the management and design of the sculpture exhibition at The Savill Garden this autumn. It is one of the most prestigious locations to show the work created by our members. This garden offers us the perfect backdrop, combining the magic of nature and its textures and colours with hand-crafted and soul searching works of art."

Jonathan Hateley, the SSS Exhibition manager for the event commented:

"It's been a challenging yet exciting task deciding which sculptures to select from a wealth of entries to appear at this prestigious venue. With the help of The Savill Garden and the Surrey Sculpture Society team, we have hopefully selected an exhibition of work which will capture the public's imagination."

The sculpture exhibition will be designed by SSS sculptor Mehran Ghahari who will be collaborating closely with The Savill Garden's Michelle Cleave on the positioning of the sculptures.

Michelle Cleave, Garden Team Leader at The Savill Garden commented:

"It has been an exciting process working with Mehran to curate an exhibition with such a diverse range of materials and ideas. The sculpture sits perfectly within the undulating landscape and inspiring views and acts as a response to this wonderful garden of all seasons"

Visitors to the event will discover affordable and original sculpture made from a diverse range of materials including bronze, resin, glass, metal, wood, stone, ceramic and found objects that can form eye-catching focal points in gardens, conservatories and interiors, with all sculptures for sale during the event.

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

The exhibition opens from 25th September - 5th November 2018

Opening times – 10am to 6pm daily. Last admission at 5pm.

Winter opening times from 1st November - 10am 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: £10.50, Children 0-16: FREE, Groups of 10+: £9 (Free ticket for group organiser 11th person in the group), Carers: FREE

Car Parking: Free with your Garden Ticket

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

Facebook: [@SurreySculptureSociety](https://www.facebook.com/SurreySculptureSociety)

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For The Savill Garden visit [www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/savill garden](http://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/savill_garden)

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Notes for Editors

About Surrey Sculpture Society:

From small beginnings – a group of just fourteen sculptors living in Surrey 23 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 Exhibition Manager Jonathan Hateley:

The SSS Exhibition Manager for The Savill Garden event will be internationally renowned sculptor, Jonathan Hateley, who is inspired by all aspects of the natural world and creates mainly figurative sculptures that combine shape and colour, as well as capturing movement.

Jonathan Hateley's sculpture has been exhibited widely, both in the UK and internationally. Having created props for the musical "The Phantom of the Opera" and the English National Opera, Jonathan spent many years sculpting for models and effects in TV and film and illustrating books for children. In 2003 he began creating his own work, thus turning his passion into a career. One of his earliest public commissions was undertaken for Kent County Council, creating three sculptures for new schools.

All aspects of the natural world inspire Jonathan. Working in clay, he enjoys the challenge of creating from both the real and imagined. Through his close observation and manipulation of materials, Jonathan is able to create detail and texture or surface bas-relief on his sculpture, which are hand finished and painted to accentuate the relief.

Jonathan is currently working on a series of stylised human figures, employing his own uniquely interpretative style to create an inspiring body of work.

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.

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.

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.
- Groups have a range of fantastic packages to choose from. Take a look here.
- For a hike, brisk walk or gentle stroll. There are many for visitors to choose from.
- 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.
- The Great Park welcomes well behaved dogs and owners. Take a look at our guidelines
- Carp fishing is available from two outstanding lakes. Find out more