



Press Release

## **Surrey Sculptors invited by the National Trust's Hatchlands Park to stage summer arts event**

The National Trust's Hatchlands Park has invited the Surrey Sculpture Society (SSS) to stage a major arts event this summer to include a sculpture trail, indoor arts exhibition and demonstrations by sculptors as part of the Society's 25th Anniversary celebrations.

165 sculptures will be on display from **18th June - 14th July**, as part of a Sculpture Trail featuring over 90 sculptures, that will lead visitors through the formal gardens and sweeping lawns, through an area of ancient trees and wildflower meadows. A further 75 sculptures and 2D artwork will form an exhibition in a marquee within the grounds.

Visitors will be able to enjoy the beauty of this renowned and historic National Trust property and the artwork on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays and Sundays from 10 am - 5pm.

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

*'The Surrey Sculpture Society (SSS) is honoured to have been invited by the National Trust's Hatchlands Park to create a new summer attraction in the form of a Sculpture Trail and Indoor Exhibition. The Park has a great variety of natural features making it an ideal setting for a varied show of around 90 outdoor pieces and the indoor art exhibition in a marquee will have another 75 or so sculptures.'*

*'SSS is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and the Hatchlands Park event promises to be extra special since four of our original 14 founder members will be exhibiting with us once again. The aims and visions of the founders are still very much our mission today: the SSS offers exhibition opportunities for all of our members; we educate the public and our own members in the arts through workshops, demonstrations, publications and lectures. It is easy to see the benefits of becoming a Friend or a Member of the Society. More information can be found on our website.'*

The SSS Founder Members who will be exhibiting at Hatchlands include:

- Jeanne Argent, whose ceramic sculptures are inspired by the natural world.
- Patrick Daw who uses a range of materials including wood, plastics and resin, machine or hand- shaped from drawn images to create a diverse range of sculptures.
- Colin Arthur. Guildford born, Colin draws his inspiration and skills from his background in film special effects.

- Bob Belderson is SSS Member No2 and is inspired by sculptor Henry Moore, Rodin and Gustav Klimt's style as a painter, to create his resin and bronze sculptures.

The SSS exhibition manager for the event will be equestrian sculptor, artist and print maker Sarah Scott.

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.

*'We are delighted to be joining with Surrey Sculpture Society to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and look forward to displaying an array of sculptures at Hatchlands Park this summer. Each sculpture will be situated carefully in the historic landscape, and we hope that visitors will delight in the unexpected as they explore the gardens on a trail of discovery'. Sue Streeter Park and Garden Manager, Hatchlands Park*

**Entrance charges to the event: National Trust members free. Non-members admission for garden and parkland only (including the Sculpture Trail and Indoor Exhibition): Adult £9, child £4.50, family £22.50:**

### **HATCHLANDS PARK**

As one of the largest country estates in Surrey the grounds offer seasonal colour, way marked walks, tranquil quiet areas and a natural adventure area for children. The Gardens at Hatchlands Park were partly landscaped by Humphry Repton, the last great English landscape designer of the eighteenth century, often regarded as the successor to Capability Brown; he also sowed the seeds of the more intricate and eclectic styles of the 19th century. Hatchlands Park also has a Kitchen Cafe and newly refurbished Coach House Cafe in the cobbled courtyard, plus a shop and garden plants.

***For more information on the SSS at Hatchlands visit: [www.surreysculpture.org.uk](http://www.surreysculpture.org.uk)***

***For more information on Hatchlands Park visit: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hatchlands-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hatchlands-park)***

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### **IMAGES:**

**DROPBOX LINK TO A RANGE OF HIGH RES IMAGES:**

**<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/u077p2weusdxxr/AAAl6ld7SiJFO-tRc1BiS8hVa?dl=0>**

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**About Surrey Sculpture Society**

From small beginnings the Surrey Sculpture Society has grown over the last 25 years to become a major arts organisation, now attracting considerable interest from the media and has been featured on the BBC Radio 2 Arts Show and on BBC One TV. The SSS now has approaching 300 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 hosts a series of public lectures and has staged major sculpture events in prestigious venues including RHS Wisley, RHS Hyde Hall, Beaulieu, Guildford Cathedral, Fulham Palace, Surrey Hills Sculpture Garden, The Savill Gardens and the Landmark Arts Centre as well as at other renowned locations.