



PRESS RELEASE

Major Arts Event Returns to Landmark Arts Centre

The Surrey Sculpture Society will be following on from the success of three previous arts events within the cathedral-like setting of the Landmark Arts Centre at Teddington, with their fourth show opening from 3 – 5pm on 22nd November and then from 10 am - 5pm daily from 23rd - 25th November.

The Landmark Arts Centre at Teddington is a 19th century Grade II* listed building known as 'The Cathedral of the Thames Valley'. Surrey Sculpture Society's Chair, Henriette van der Does commented on the venue and the event:

'It is great to be back at the magnificent Landmark Arts Centre to show a wide variety of sculpture in these atmospheric surroundings - so spacious and light. This historic backdrop creates the perfect setting for our four-day Sculpture Showcase and Arts Event. We have always enjoyed working with the Landmark team, the community and local schools, as part of our Society's 'Understanding Sculpture' programme of events that aims to create more awareness of the art form.'

Surrey Sculpture Society members are a successful group of emerging and professional sculptors and their 3D work will be combined with many other 2D works of art, including sketches and paintings, with all works on display for sale.

The event will also include free demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday, as well as video material and educational tours for local schools led by artist, Michelle Castles. Visitors will be able to see sculptures being created, meet the sculptors to discuss their creative process and watch videos covering different styles and techniques.

'We are also delighted that CASS Art at Kingston will once again help with sponsorship of materials for workshops, prizes, support and promotion of the event.' added Henriette van der Does.

Abigail Thomas, Visual Arts Curator at the Landmark Arts Centre commented:

'We [The Landmark Arts Centre] are delighted to host the Surrey Sculpture Society for the 4th year running. We receive consistent high praise after each Surrey Sculpture Society show from our members and visitors from the local community. Our Grade II listed building is a wonderful backdrop to both large-scale sculptures and site-specific installation; and this annual event is a firm highlight amongst our visual arts programme.'*

SSS Emerging Sculptor Award winner to be announced at the event

The **Surrey Sculpture Society Prize for New and Emerging Artists 2018** will be awarded to the winner at the Landmark event and their work featured at the exhibition.

The award is for a 3D work in any medium, with the Society looking for an original approach to the subject matter and an interesting use of materials, character and exploration. The purpose of the award is to encourage talented emerging sculptors, with the prize going to a sculptor who has shown individuality, creativity and flair in a 3D medium. The award is made in association with **The Art Academy London**, which was founded with the purpose of benefiting society through art and art education.

The Landmark Arts Centre is located at the end of Teddington High Street in Ferry Road, Teddington TW11 9NN. For more information visit www.surreysculpture.org.uk and www.landmarkartscentre.org

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INVITATION TO THE MEDIA TO ATTEND

PRIVATE VIEW - THURSDAY 22d November 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Members of the media are invited to attend the Private View of the Surrey Sculpture Society's Landmark Arts Event, where the winners of the SSS Emerging Sculptor Award will be announced and there will be a presentation of the awards.

This will offer an interesting range of photo opportunities of the private view, the exhibition and huge range of artworks, the sculptors and the SSS Emerging Artist Award winners and their work.

Please RSVP to Lynda Lawrence - lynda@lyndalawrence.co.uk

IMAGES:

A wide range of promotional images is available via the Dropbox link below, with examples of demonstrations, the range and style of sculptures and 2D works - just click on the link:

Dropbox link to a range of images of selected sculptures and artworks that will be on display at the Landmark 2018 event:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/p8pb7asoji3dmtl/AABi3NEIjzmR9M1NAyDUKDdra?dl=0>

Dropbox link to photos of Sculptor Demonstrations

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8406whbvdvut8qpo/AAC4bGwdTbJO7s4v7qQ6D79Ha?dl=0>

Dropbox link to further images of a previous SSS event at Landmark in 2017 to show how the exhibition will look within the cathedral-like setting of Landmark:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/duy53orx0d0jtd1/AAB_xaqj2Tpm4tAlpblctbmpa?dl=0

For more information on this press release, further images or to arrange interviews with sculptors, please contact:

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Notes for Editors:

About Surrey Sculpture Society

From small beginnings – a group of just fourteen sculptors living in Surrey 25 years ago – the Surrey Sculpture Society has grown into a major force, now attracting considerable interest from the media and was featured on the BBC Radio 2 Arts Show and on BBC One TV.

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 annually in prestigious venues including 2 RHS Gardens - RHS Wisley and RHS Hyde Hall - Beaulieu, The Savill Garden on the Crown Estate at Windsor Great Park, The Surrey Sculpture Garden at Birtley and Guildford Cathedral as well as at other renowned locations.

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