

## Press Release

# **RENOWNED SCULPTOR HAZEL REEVES TO DELIVER SURREY SCULPTURE SOCIETY'S AUTUMN LECTURE BY ZOOM**

As a cutting edge professional artists' organisation the Surrey Sculpture Society has had to adapt quickly to the current and ever changing circumstances by embracing technology. The Society will be using Zoom to present its first Lecture Event for 2020 by renowned sculptor Hazel Reeves, on **Tuesday, 6th October at 7pm - 8.30pm.**

Hazel's sculpture has been featured on TV over the last five years – on the news, in documentaries and on 'Have I got News for You' and 'University Challenge'.

Hazel Reeves commented:

*"I'm a figurative sculptor, working to commission in clay for bronze, with a curiosity in people, their faces and their stories. My passion is for telling stories in bronze of struggles for social justice and redressing the lack of diversity in statuary, particularly the lack of women represented. I want to engage and move people – moving them to tears, to ask questions, to participate, to tell their own stories."*

Hazel is best known for her bronze public commissions including her sculpture of Sir Nigel Gresley at King's Cross Station, the eminent railway engineer and designer of The Flying Scotsman. Her 'Rise up, Women' Her 'Rise up, sculpture of Emmeline Pankhurst captures the spirit of this great women's rights pioneer and was unveiled in St Peter's Square, Manchester in December 2018.

Further public commissions have included the moving bronze of a young and brave girl Sadako Sasaki for the Held Wen Peace Garden on the World Day of Peace in 2012.

Hazel also creates portrait commissions and has a great appreciation of dance, capturing and choreographing stories in bronze and is a Member of the Royal Society of Sculptors, the Society of Women Artists and Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

*During the lecture Hazel Reeves would like to make the event as lively and interactive as possible and welcomes questions, which can be supplied to her in advance.*

A complete catalogue of Hazel's work can be seen on her website:  
**[www.hazelreeves.com](http://www.hazelreeves.com)**

The Surrey Sculpture Society (SSS) organises a series of lectures by leading sculptors, who share their experience, inspiration and skills with the Society's members and any members of the public who have an interest in sculpture.

**Hazel Reeves, an Artist Lecture**

Time and Date: 7pm-8.30pm on the 6th October 2020

Tickets: visit [www.surreysculpture.org.uk](http://www.surreysculpture.org.uk) to register for the talk on Zoom.'

**Cost: FREE**

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For further information about the SSS visit [www.surreysculpture.org.uk](http://www.surreysculpture.org.uk)

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**Notes for Editors:**

**About Surrey Sculpture Society:**

Over the last 26 years the Surrey Sculpture Society has been promoting the understanding and appreciation of sculpture, as well as providing a professional platform for both new and emerging sculptors and the Society's many renowned and established sculptor members.

The society stages major exhibitions at prestigious venues including RHS Garden Wisley, RHS Garden Hyde Hall, The Savill Garden at Windsor Great Park, Beaulieu's Palace House and Gardens, Guildford Cathedral, Fulham Palace, The Landmark Arts Centre and the National Trust's Hatchlands Park and other prestigious locations.

A series of regular Lectures is presented by the Society by established and renowned sculptors.

The Society has grown into a major force and now has over 250 members located in Surrey, as well as throughout the south east of England.

The SSS's exhibition programme and events have attracted considerable interest from the media, where they have been featured on the BBC Radio 2 Arts Show, on BBC One TV, BBC regional radio and across the arts, gardening and broader regional media.