

## PRESS RELEASE

# Surrey Sculpture Society's Sculpture Showcase returns to the Landmark Arts Centre

The Surrey Sculpture Society will be following on from the success of previous arts events within the cathedral-like setting of the Landmark Arts Centre at Teddington, with their 2022 Sculpture Showcase running from **26th February - 6th March 2022**. The renowned sculptor Kate Viner, commissioned for various public arts projects during her career, will be the Signature Artist at the event and will be sharing insights into her life as a sculptor.

"We are delighted to be back exhibiting at this stunning Teddington venue in 2022 having had last year's plans thwarted by lockdown," commented Caroline Wheaton, the SSS Exhibition Manager for the event. "As usual our Sculpture Showcase will feature not only some fantastic sculpture and 2D work from our talented artists, but also live sculpture demonstrations throughout the event. As tradition dictates, we also hope to inspire the next generation of artists by welcoming local school children to the event. We look forward to seeing as many visitors as possible for this, our first exhibition of the year."

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

Landmark's Visual Arts Curator Abigail Thomas commented:

"The Landmark is thrilled to once again welcome and host the Surrey Sculpture Society in exhibiting with us and kicking off 2022's visual arts programme. Our local community will be delighted to see another high quality show from the members of the society. As always, our Grade II listed building is a great backdrop to any sculpture, large or small, and we thoroughly look forward to seeing what will be exhibited."

The winner of and runners up for the **Surrey Sculpture Society Prize for New and Emerging Artists 2022** will also be 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.

Cass Art Kingston will be sponsoring art materials for school groups visiting the event.

The Landmark Arts Centre is located at the end of Teddington High Street in Ferry Road, Teddington TW11 9NN. For more information visit <a href="https://www.surreysculpture.org.uk">www.surreysculpture.org.uk</a>
and <a href="https://www.landmarkartscentre.org">www.landmarkartscentre.org</a>
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#### **IMAGES:**

Dropbox link to a range of images of selected sculptures and artworks that will be on display at the Landmark 2022 event:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/16kofe7qlwsax48/AABAs3mSoXuRzmuqmpwgneDca?dl=0

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## Notes and Background information for Editors

### **About Surrey Sculpture Society:**

From small beginnings a group of just fourteen sculptors living in Surrey 27 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 has staged major exhibitions at many prestigious venues including RHS Garden Wisley, RHS Garden Hyde Hall, Beaulieu, Guildford Cathedral, Fulham Palace, The Landmark Arts Centre, Ramster Gardens, Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens and will be adding the National Trust's Standen House and Gardens to its 2022 list of events.

\*\*www.surrevsculpture.org.uk\*\*

**The Landmark Arts Centre** at Teddington is a 19th century Grade II\* listed building known as 'The Cathedral of the Thames Valley' and is located at the end of Teddington High Street in Ferry Road, Teddington TW11 9NN. For more information on Landmark

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