

PRESS RELEASE: SCULPT AT KEW ARTISTS ANNOUNCED



Sculpt at Kew: The Contemporary Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition **18 September – 15 October 2017 | Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew**

Launching for the first time this autumn, the inaugural sculpture exhibition *Sculpt at Kew* at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew is set to become a popular fixture on London's art calendar. The first edition will take place between **Monday 18 September and Sunday 15 October (open daily 10am – 6pm)** and will site original art works in and around iconic landmarks in Kew Gardens, offering the unique opportunity to enjoy one of the largest and best exhibitions of outdoor and indoor sculpture in London.

Explore abstract outdoor sculptures installed throughout Kew's Botanic gardens in a scenic outdoor trail featuring one of Britain's leading contemporary sculptors **Simon Gudgeon** and international artist **Mark Dedrie**, incredible life-sized animals by **Piers Mason** and **Hamish Mackie** and figurative pieces by **Paul Vanstone**. Also on show, there will work by a range of contemporary artists represented by **Sladmore Gallery** including **Nic Fiddian Green**, **Mark Coreth** and **Kendra Haste**.

Complimenting the outdoor trail will be an inspiring display of indoor sculptures from **Geoff Jeal, Simon Jago, Marcia Raff, Ann Coomber** and many others.



We are pleased to confirm the following artists will be taking part in *Sculpt at Kew*:

Andrey Vrabchev
Andy Young
Ann Coomber
Anne Curry
Carol Peace
David Williams-Ellis
Geoff Jeal
Guy Portelli
Hamish Mackie
Hywel Pratley
James Connolly
Jan Sweeney
Jenny Pickford
Jilly Sutton
John O'Connor
Katerina Porter
Lilly Henry

Louisa Forbes
Mallon Foundry
Marcia Raff
Mark Dedrie
Nick Winter
Norman Yap
Paul Vanstone
Philip Blacker
Piers Mason
Robert Wood
Samantha Bunn
Simon Gudgeon
Simon Jago
Sladmore Gallery (Kendra Haste Mark Coreth, Nic Fiddian Green)
Sophie Marsham
Stephanie Cushing
Tim Hollins

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The exhibiting artists selected offer a wide range of work and styles spanning classic, modern and contemporary, featuring bold and beautiful figurative and abstract sculptures with many inspired by flora and fauna.

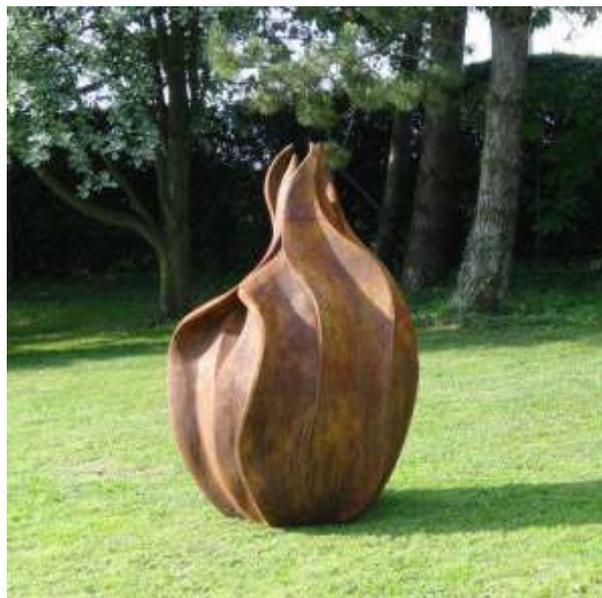
Mediums include marble, stone, bronze, ceramics and glass. **All works exhibited will be available to purchase**, offering visitors and collectors the chance to view and own original works of contemporary art.



Sculpt at Kew is a four week, international outdoor sculpture trail curated by leading exhibition and event organisers **Handmade in Britain**, in collaboration with **Kew Gardens**.

The exhibition will be open every day from 10am – 6pm, Monday 18 September to Sunday 15 October and is included in the cost of garden admission.

A full colour exhibition catalogue and guide will be available; all pieces will be for sale.



Media enquiries:

For the full list of artists, further press information, images or interview/quote requests, please contact **Nicola Jell:** nicola@handmadeinbritain.co.uk / 020 3490 6556

Notes to editors:

- Sculpt at Kew is open: 10am – 6pm daily (last entry 5.30pm) Monday 18 September – Sunday 15 October
- Sculpt at Kew Private View evening: 5 – 8.30pm Tuesday 19 September 2017 (private view passes only)
- Exhibition is unticketed, the cost of the exhibition is included in the cost of garden admission.
- Venue: Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB
- A full list of exhibitors can be found at handmadeinbritain.co.uk/sculpt
- Handmade in Britain also runs a series of high-end contemporary craft events including: [Handmade at Kew](#) 12 – 15 October 2017, [Handmade Edinburgh](#) 27 – 29 October 2017 and [Handmade in Britain](#) 10 – 12 November 2017.

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The [Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew](#) is a [world famous scientific organisation](#), internationally respected for its outstanding collections as well as its scientific expertise in plant diversity, conservation and sustainable development in the UK and around the world.

[Kew Gardens is a major international and a top London visitor attraction](#). Kew's 132 hectares of landscaped gardens, and [Kew's country estate, Wakehurst](#), attract over 1.5 million visits every year.

Kew was made a UNESCO World Heritage Site in July 2003 and celebrated its 250th anniversary in 2009. Wakehurst is home to Kew's Millennium Seed Bank, the largest wild plant seed bank in the world.

Kew receives approximately just under half of its funding from Government through the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). Further funding needed to support Kew's vital work comes from [donors](#), [membership](#) and [commercial activity](#) including [ticket sales](#).