



## LONDON ART WEEK 2016: CELEBRATING ART AND CONNOISSEURSHIP FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

### Introducing New Participants, an Evening Preview and Art Tours

The fourth *London Art Week* will take place from 1 to 8 July 2016 (Preview on 30 June). The most important gallery-based celebration of pre-contemporary art, held in the global centre of the traditional art market, this annual event unites the capital's foremost art experts, three leading auction houses and selected international galleries, and celebrates the unparalleled expertise and extraordinary riches held within the galleries of Mayfair and St James's. Approximately 50 participants, all situated within walking distance, open their doors to unveil new discoveries and host special exhibitions, with the event attracting connoisseurs and enthusiasts from around the world.

This year's event will follow the success of *London Art Week 2015*, which welcomed representatives from over 50 international museums, as well as a record number of visitors from as far afield as Australia, Brazil, China, India and Singapore. The week also recorded sales up to and over £1million with purchases by both new clients and international institutions.

New participants already confirmed for 2016 include Arcadia Cerri Fine Art, Bagshawe Fine Art, Charles Ede, Peter Finer, Kallos Gallery and M&L Fine Art. In addition, Colnaghi will exhibit at their first *London Art Week* since their merger with Spanish art dealers Coll & Cortés, and new gallery Lullo • Pampoulides will launch in Cork Street with their inaugural exhibition. They join many of the world's most renowned galleries who exhibit at *London Art Week*, including, among many others, Agnew's, Sam Fogg, Richard Green, Johnny van Haeften Ltd., Daniel Katz, Lowell Libson Ltd., Moretti Fine Art, Stephen Ongpin Fine Art, Tomasso Brothers Fine Art and Trinity Fine Art. Further details will be announced in coming months, while highlights, updates and a map will be available at [www.londonartweek.co.uk](http://www.londonartweek.co.uk), and on social media via Twitter [@LondonArtWeek](https://twitter.com/LondonArtWeek) and Instagram [@London\\_Art\\_Week](https://www.instagram.com/London_Art_Week).

New for this year, *London Art Week* will offer a Preview on Thursday 30 June from 3pm to 8pm. *London Art Week* has also entered an exclusive partnership with *Art History UK*, a boutique cultural tours company specialised in the history of the capital's art and architecture. *Art History UK* will offer a bespoke series of tours and events that will give fascinating insights into the art, architecture and history of Mayfair and St James's. Tours will include highlights from *London Art Week*, museum visits, and other talks and events related to the art world and collecting. Tickets will be available at [www.londonartweek.co.uk](http://www.londonartweek.co.uk) and at [www.arthistoryuk.com](http://www.arthistoryuk.com).

*London Art Week* is sponsored by **The Crown Estate** as part of its St James's portfolio. The Crown Estate owns approximately 50% of St James's and is implementing a £500m investment programme to sensitively refine and enhance the area, which forms part of its core holdings in London's West End. James Cooksey, Director of Central London, said: "*The Crown Estate is delighted to continue with our support of this important event which unites the art galleries of Mayfair and St. James's, and which helps to promote the extraordinary range of knowledge, expertise and heritage on offer in the art market's historic home.*"

*London Art Week* is a cooperative, non-profit event launched in 2013 as a platform that united *Master Drawings & Sculpture Week* (est. 2001) and *Master Paintings Week* (est. 2009).

#### Notes to Editors:

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#### **Galleries:**

*(Preview -Thursday: 3pm to 8pm)*

Monday to Friday: 10am to 6pm

Saturday: 10am to 5pm

Sunday: 12 noon to 5pm

#### **Auction houses:**

Monday to Friday: 9am to 4.30pm

Saturday: 10am to 5pm

Sunday: 12 noon to 5pm

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