

9 HIGHLIGHTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO AT MASTERPIECE LONDON 2019

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Georgie Hopton, *Shining Hour*, collage and wool on paper, 2015

London's leading cross-disciplinary art fair returns to Royal Hospital Chelsea for seven days of prestigious art and design

Set in Chelsea's leafy Royal Hospital gardens, Masterpiece London is one of the world's most glamorous and varied art fairs – where contemporary art by Damien Hirst and Cy Twombly is hung alongside Old Masters, and rare Cartier and Van Cleef & Arpels jewellery is found beside Roman marble busts and gilded Georgian furniture.

The cross-disciplinary art fair boasts more than 150 international exhibitors, displaying exceptional works of art, design, furniture and fine jewellery. Away from the curated booths, well-heeled gallerists clink glasses at the Perrier-Jouët Champagne Terrace or hobnob at the pop-up Le Caprice restaurant.

Guests at this year's fair will be welcomed by a vibrant, large-scale installation Phyllida Barlow, which references the super-sized fabric 'pom-pom' creations that she developed during the 1990s. Expect to be immersed in multi-coloured, suspended structures, created in partnership with Hauser & Wirth.

Van Cleef & Arpels is presenting a selection of pieces from its Heritage collection of vintage jewels, created between the 1920s and 1990s. Taking you on a journey from the Egyptian-revival and Art Deco designs of the Roaring Twenties to the swinging sautoirs of the Seventies, it charts the evolution of the Maison and the recurring motifs and techniques that make up the inimitable Van Cleef style. It is a chance to view rare and opulent pieces, as well as new contemporary high jewellery creations.

For his Masterpiece debut, newcomer Richard Salton will present works of the female abstractionist Bice Lazzari. The Italian painter's work was hugely influential during the 1930s, but remains largely unknown in the UK. The presentation is part of the gallery's 12-month programme dedicated to supporting lesser-known female artists.

Mayfair's Lyndsey Ingram gallery will present a striking, immersive installation by contemporary British artist Georgie Hopton, known for her expressive collages and monoprints. Hopton's delightful work is often inspired by the produce grown on her farm in Upstate New York, which she shares with her husband, the painter Gary Hume.

Last year, Taiwanese jeweller Cindy Chao received the coveted "Outstanding Object" award at Masterpiece London for her extraordinary array of diamond-emblazoned flora and fauna. This year's bejewelled edit promises to be equally impressive, including sapphire-studded feathers and an astonishingly intricate bangle, pictured above, inspired by the symbolic iris flower.

Esteemed artwork by Vanessa Bell will be displayed by Piano Nobile, the family-run gallery in Holland Park. Bell's work will sit in good company alongside Piano Nobile's roster of acclaimed artists including Lucian Freud, Leon Kossoff, Michael Andrews, William Coldstream, Eric Gill, Duncan Grant, Bob Law, William Nicholson, Grayson Perry and Euan Uglow.

Pop by the Fabio Salini stand at Masterpiece to see the Italian designer's new handcrafted collection of hot pink earrings, which place tourmalines rhodolite and pink diamonds with rose-hued mirrored surfaces. The designer, who is new to Masterpiece, has brought 100 enticing pieces from his atelier in Rome, which showcase his knack for fusing traditional Italian techniques with the latest innovation.

The Chopard lounge will be hosting daily fine watchmaking masterclasses and revealing the artisans behind its covetable fine jewellery collections. The Geneva jeweller is also once again sponsoring the fair's Talks & Educational Programme, which will focus on topics including female portraiture in fine art; the history and importance

of pearls and the influential relationship between Robert Rauschenberg and Cy Twombly.

For prime people-watching at Masterpiece, visit the Perrier-Jouët Champagne Terrace or book a table at one of the pop-up offerings from the Urban Caprice portfolio, which includes Scott's Seafood & Champagne Bar, Le Caprice, The Ivy Chelsea Brasserie and The Mount Street Deli.