

Cork Street Open Exhibitions presents

# Art Erotica

Cork Street, London



The Gallery in Cork Street  
19<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Contemporary Art - a juried selection of 100+ works  
Live Performances - erotic poetry & entertainment  
Talks & Discussions - presentations & debates

[www.ArtEroticaExhibition.co.uk](http://www.ArtEroticaExhibition.co.uk)



# Art Erotica 2012

Erotic art has a long and distinguished, if controversial, tradition in the history of modern art. Arguably, eroticism in art brings us closer to our humanity, yet there are few genres in the arts that have been as under-represented and unjustly maligned as expressions of what we, in all our rich diversity, find erotic.

Art Erotica is a new event in the London art calendar that will present a long-overdue, high-profile opportunity to exhibit for artists producing work in the erotic genre. Brought to you by the organizers of the Cork Street Open Exhibition – a respected international event, founded four years ago – Art Erotica will benefit a selected charity and will be juried, with submitted work carefully and rigorously chosen for exhibition by a panel drawn from leading figures in the UK art world.

The diverse Exhibition will span most mediums, including painting, photography, digital art, sculpture, drawing, mixed media construction and original prints by emerging and established artists from around the world. Photographs by American photographer James Armstrong, and drawings by internationally acclaimed artist Jamil Nasqh, will be shown for the first time.

In addition to spectacular visual art we are happy to present talks and public readings by a stellar line-up of art historians, critics, philosophers and actors, all focused on the erotic theme.

We invite you to join us in January to explore, discover and discuss Art Erotica.

Information and Tickets: Web: [www.ArtEroticaExhibition.co.uk](http://www.ArtEroticaExhibition.co.uk)  
Email: [info@ArtEroticaExhibition.co.uk](mailto:info@ArtEroticaExhibition.co.uk)  
Phone: 075900 47083

# Private View & Charity Fundraiser

Please help us raise funds for this year's selected charity, FPA, by joining us for the Art Erotica 2012 Private View

Special Guest:

Edward Lucie-Smith

Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00 - 9:00pm



FPA – UK's sexual health charity, gives straightforward information, advice and support on sexual health and on sex and relationships to anyone in the UK.

FPA's mission is to help establish a society in which everyone has positive, informed and non-judgemental attitudes to sex and relationships, and where everyone can make informed choices about sex, relationships and reproduction so they can enjoy sexual health free from prejudice or harm.

Edward Lucie-Smith will give the opening address. Born in 1933 at Kingston, Jamaica, Edward moved to Britain in 1946 and is an internationally known art critic, curator, writer and historian, in addition to being a published poet, an anthologist and a practising photographer.

He has had more than a hundred books published in all, including more than sixty books about art, chiefly but not exclusively about contemporary work. Titles include: *Sexuality in Western Art*; *Erotica – The Fine Art of Sex*; and *Ars Erotica – An Arousing History of Erotic Art*.

What could be better than an eclectic selection of erotic contemporary art introduced by a noted critic steeped in the genre's history; finger food, and freely flowing Miller's Gin? You'll have to buy a ticket to find out...

Tickets for the private view are just £25 per person or £40 per couple with all proceeds going directly to FPA.

# Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

## Art Breakfast – Behind the Scenes

9.30am

Kathryn Roberts & Juror(s)

*London Hilton Green Park*

*From £20*

Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes during the judging and curating of an Open Exhibition? Exhibition organiser, Kathryn Roberts and one or more of this year's judges tell tales about what really goes on during the preparation and judging of one the UK's largest and fastest growing Open Exhibitions.

Bring your appetite and all your pressing questions. Price includes a vast selection of delicious choices from the Hilton Green Park's breakfast buffet.

If you will be a guest at the Hilton Green Park the night of the 18<sup>th</sup> please email us at [ab@arteroticaexhibition.co.uk](mailto:ab@arteroticaexhibition.co.uk) to book just the talk.



## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

## An Evening of Erotic Poetry



7.30-9.00pm

Richard Clifford & Frances Barber

*Lower Gallery*

*From £10*

Richard Clifford is a highly regarded actor and director who performs regularly in film and productions of the Royal Shakespeare Company. Recent film roles include *My Week with Marilyn* and *The Edge of Love*.

Frances Barber is an Olivier Award-nominated English actress with a long and distinguished theatre, film and TV career. She has appeared most recently in *Dr Who* and *Great Expectations*, and is soon to appear in *Silk*. Her trademark is her husky voice.

Drinks will be served in the Gallery in Cork Street immediately following.



## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January

## Art or Porn? Clear division or false dilemma?

1.30-2.30pm

Hans Maes

*Lower Gallery*

*From £8*

Art or Porn? The popular media will often choose this heading when reviewing the latest sexually explicit novel, film, or art exhibition. The underlying assumption seems to be that the work under discussion has to be one or the other, and cannot be both. But is this not a false dilemma?

Dr. Hans Maes is lecturer in history and philosophy of art at the University of Kent at Canterbury. He has written extensively on the relation between art and pornography editing an essay collection on this topic for Oxford University Press (2012). He is president of the Dutch Association of Aesthetics.



## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January

## Art, censorship and moral hysteria



3.30-4.30pm

Daryl Champion

*Lower Gallery*

*From £8*

Daryl will argue that mainstream media are laying claim to the right to invade privacy at will – including personal sexual activity – in the interests of culturally damaging celebrity culture and mass titillation, while repressive new laws and moral hysteria are having a chilling effect on genuinely transgressive cultural material.

Daryl Champion is the editor of *SomethingDark* webMagazine, a place for avant-garde art, photography, writing and cultural discourse with a distinctive edge. He is widely published and has presented in diverse academic forums. He was also one of this year's judges.

Donations from the talks will benefit FPA unless otherwise noted.

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# Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January

## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

## Erotic Art Past & Present



7.30-9.00pm  
Edward Lucie-Smith

*Lower Gallery*  
*From £10*

Edward will present an overview of eroticism in western art, followed by a tour of the exhibition, discussion of selected works, and drinks.

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Donations from this event will benefit crisis.org.uk

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January

## Artists' Reception

7.00-9.00pm  
Shortlisted Artists

*Gallery in Cork Street*  
*From £10*

The celebrated Artists' Reception is an opportunity to meet many of the artists whose work has been shortlisted and selected in the exhibition in a festive party atmosphere.

Enjoy browsing the exhibition with a glass of wine or delve into deep discussions with the artists to uncover what inspires and moves them to explore and develop the genre of erotic art.

Space is limited and this event has sold out in the past, so book tickets early.



## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January

## Art Breakfast – Behind the Scenes



9.30am  
Kathryn Roberts & Juror(s)

*London Hilton Green Park*  
*From £20*

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## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January

## The Late Mme Picasso - Love, Lust or Greed

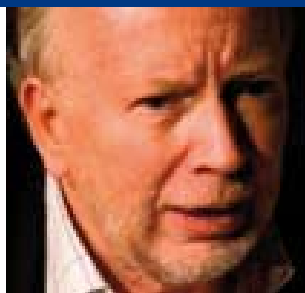
7.30-9.00pm  
Godfrey Barker

*Lower Gallery*  
*From £10*

In his deep and lyrical voice Godfrey will tell the mysterious true tale of a seduction, a suicide, and a courtcase from beyond the grave, leaving you with the question, "Did love and lust awaken something new in the late works of Picasso?"

BBC broadcaster and former arts editor for *The Daily Telegraph*, Godfrey Barker also lectures at Sotheby's and writes art market commentaries for *The Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Drinks will be served in the Gallery in Cork Street immediately following. Donations from this event will benefit the Shakespeare Schools Festival.



Donations from the talks will benefit FPA unless otherwise noted.

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# Tickets / Travel / Accommodation

## Free Entry

Entry to the Exhibition, Thursday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 6pm is completely free of charge.

## Tickets

Tickets for all other events can be purchased a variety of ways: individually, with accommodation or as a ten-day pass allowing access to all events & evening receptions. Prices vary and are cheaper when purchased earlier.

## Tickets + Accommodation

Our sponsor, Hilton London Green Park, has set aside single and double rooms at a special rate inclusive of breakfast and VAT. Anyone using our special booking link to take advantage of the Hilton offer will also benefit from a 20% discount on tickets for any of our events. Please email us at: [hilton@arteroticaexhibition.co.uk](mailto:hilton@arteroticaexhibition.co.uk) for a link to Art Erotica's dedicated booking page.

## Booking Info

**Book Online** at [www.ArtEroticaExhibition.co.uk](http://www.ArtEroticaExhibition.co.uk) (please email re booking for the Hilton London Green Park)  
**Book by Post** before January 10<sup>th</sup> by making your cheque payable to: **Cork Street Open Exhibition** and posting with your details & event titles to: The Old Rectory, Llanwarne, Herefordshire HR2 8JE  
**Book in Person** at the Gallery in Cork Street **during the Exhibition open dates and times only.**

## Getting to the Exhibition & Events

The Exhibition occupies The Gallery in Cork Street, 28 Cork St, London W1S 3NG.

Talks and discussion events will be held in the Lower Gallery of Gallery 27, next door.

Cork Street is located in the prestigious shopping district of Mayfair, a short distance from the Royal Academy of Art via Burlington Arcade.

The Gallery is easily accessible by all forms of public transport. The nearest underground stations are Green Park and Piccadilly Circus. The Hilton London Green Park is located on Half Moon Street, a three minute walk from Green Park underground station and a ten minute walk from Cork Street.

## Parking

There is limited metered parking on streets around the Gallery in Cork Street, Gallery 27 and the Hilton Green Park. There are private garages on Old Burlington Street, parallel to Cork Street and off Shepherd Street near the Hilton Green Park. Prices vary considerably. Both locations are within the Congestion Charging Zone.

## Access

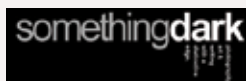
The Gallery in Cork Street is wheelchair accessible via a temporary ramp. The Lower Gallery is served by a flight of stairs and is, unfortunately not wheelchair accessible. The Hilton London Green Park is wheelchair accessible.

Please ring 075900 47083 or email [info@arteroticaexhibition.co.uk](mailto:info@arteroticaexhibition.co.uk) to discuss your requirements.

## Ticket Terms and Conditions

All events and speaker details are correct at time of printing. We reserve the right to change the programme and speakers, readings and performances if circumstances dictate. In the event of cancellations tickets will be refunded, otherwise tickets can not be refunded or resold.

Seating is first-come, first-served and we reserve the right to restrict access to latecomers or restrict this to standing room only. Access to the Exhibition and Events may be restricted to ages 18 and over.



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