

LAPADA ART & ANTIQUES FAIR OPENS TO GREAT SUCCESS



Last night, the 2015 LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair opened with a glittering preview event hosted by LAPADA President Earl Howe and Chairman Lord Chadlington. An impressive number of VIP collectors attended the seventh edition of the Fair.

Guests enjoyed Champagne Lanson while taking the opportunity to peruse the objects on sale from the 108 LAPADA dealers, including jewellery, design, furniture, carpets, tapisteries, antiquities, clocks, ceramics, silver and fine art. Early reports suggest notable sales across the board.

Mieka Sywak, LAPADA Fair Director, comments: "We were thrilled with the turn out to the LAPADA Fair Preview; it was a successful evening for our members. It is important to us that we provide our dealers with the opportunity to exhibit at such a fantastic and central location in London. We are always so pleased that year on year we continue to reach exciting new audiences while also being able to continually deliver to longterm collectors."

WINNERS OF LAPADA STAND AND OBJECT AWARDS 2015 ANNOUNCED

LAPADA is delighted to announce the winners of the Stand and Object Awards of the 2015 LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair. A panel of esteemed judges, including museum directors, interior designers, journalists and collectors, was invited to select a winning stand from over 100 dealers' exhibits at the fair. Five winning objects were also selected from each of the following categories: Silver, Furniture, Jewellery, Objet d'Art and Fine Art.





Winner of Best Stand Award: The committee presented ArtAncient Ltd the award for Best Stand commending the dealer for a museological display – creating an elegant presentation while also providing comprehensive information for each work offered for sale – that is befitting of an international blue-chip art fair.





The 2015 winners within their categories are:



Silver: Presented by the dealer **The Old Corkscrew**, the Art Deco sterling silver three-piece tea service hallmarked for Sheffield 1935, won the Best Silver Object. Currently it is the only silver version recorded and may well have been the prototype for a silver-plated version that was also produced by Joseph Rodgers & Sons.



Furniture: A mid-19th century blue john (or Derbyshire fluorspar) and Ashford marble centre table offered for sale by **MacKinnon Fine Furniture** won this category. The circular table is inlaid with concentric rings of fabulous coloured blue john with an Ashford Marble surround, set upon a turned Ashford marble column pedestal with tripartite base and scroll toes. The pedestal and base are inset with three blue john cabochons.



Jewellery: Member-dealer **ArtAncient Ltd** has won the Best Jewellery Object Award for The Ryedale Jewel, an early medieval Anglo-Saxon gold and cloisonné garnet mount or pendant, dating to 620 – 680 AD.







Objet d'Art: This prize was awarded to two winners. Dealer **Clive Loveless – 'Primal Art'** has won the award for Paracas Textile, a 71 x 50 cm, shellfish dye on cotton from South Coast Peru, carbon dated to approx. 2,000 years old.



The prize was jointly awarded to **Michael Lipitch** for the mahogany & ormolu letterbox which belonged to Paulina Borghese (sister of Napoleon Bonaparte). It is adorned with Ormolu Mounts showing the Royal Cresting of a Princess and confirming its provenance with the Napoleonic signature gilded bronze bees.



Fine Art: A pair of 'talc' miniatures offered for sale by Philip Mould Portrait Miniatures was awarded the prize. The first talc depicts Charles I (1600-1649), wearing black robes and the ribbon and star of the Garter, after the portrait by Sir Anthony van Dyck (1599-1641). The second bears a Lady, possibly intended to represent Henrietta Maria (1609-1669), wearing blue dress, pearls at her neck and in her hair. These are oil on copper, both with costume 'mica' talcs (Charles I, 20 costume talcs; Henrietta Maria, 18 costume talcs).

Rebecca Davies, LAPADA's Chief Executive, comments: "We are incredibly proud of the superior quality of the art and antique pieces that LAPADA members offer for sale. The awards programme is a great way to celebrate the excellence and the authenticity of these works and highlight some of the most fascinating pieces that dealers source for the Fair."

The LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair in Berkeley Square, Mayfair, is the foremost international showcase for art, antiques, design and decorative arts. Sponsored by Delancey, the 2015 edition has been extended by a day in response to demand following the success of last year's event, which welcomed 20,000 collectors and visitors over five days. 100 distinguished exhibitors and experts in their field will present works including jewellery, design, furniture, carpets, tapestries, antiquities, clocks, ceramics, silver and fine art. Authenticity is assured thanks to a 70-member specialist committee pre-vetting everything on sale. With prices ranging from £500 to £500,000 and above, sought-after pieces appeal to the established collector and first-time buyers alike.

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Notes to Editors

Maggie's Party

Event: LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair 2015

Dates: Tuesday 22nd September – Sunday 27th September 2015

Location: Berkeley Square, Mayfair, W1J 6EB

Website: www.lapadalondon.com
Telephone: +44 (0) 20 7823 3511

Opening Hours: Collectors' Preview: Monday 21st September 2015: 3pm – 9pm*

Tuesday 22nd September 2015: 11am – 8pm Wednesday 23rd September 2015: 11am – 8pm Thursday 24th September 2015: 11am – 5.30pm

LAPADA Charity Party Reception: Thursday 24th September: 6pm – 8.30pm**

Friday 25th September 2015: 11am – 8pm Saturday 26th September 2015: 11am – 7pm Sunday 27th September 2015: 11am – 5pm

Admission: Entrance by ticket priced at £20 each or by invitation

*£65 each for Collectors' Preview invitation **Party Reception tickets: £60 per person;

Dinner including Reception tickets at LAPADA: £400 per person, or £4,000 for a

table of 10. Tickets on sale from www.maggiescentres.org/lapada

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Bond Street - Central & Jubilee lines

Major bus routes: via Piccadilly, Regent Street and Oxford Street

LAPADA the Association of Art & Antiques Dealers



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