



Press Release

**An Ornamental Menagerie Brings Beautiful Beasts to the
Spring Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fair
17 - 22 April 2018
Battersea Park, London**

The Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fair runs three times a year in Battersea Park with more than 150 exhibitors from the UK and Europe. These specialist dealers offer a rich panoply of unusual period design, objects and 20th century classics mixed with fine and decorative antiques in a beguiling blend of splendour and surprise. Works of art from the ancient to the contemporary, including sculpture, paintings, prints and photography, are an important element of the Fair, as befits their role in a polished interior scheme.

Of the three Decorative Fairs each year the **Spring** edition is the best hunting ground for garden-related decoration in metal, wood or stone, grand or practical, such as planters, urns and troughs, statuary, gates, benches, outdoor tables and re-purposed *objets* such as industrial metal window frames glazed with mirror. The latter make a pleasingly effective addition to smaller gardens where they create the illusion of greater space.

Foyer inspiration for visitors in April 2018 will be **An Ornamental Menagerie**, directing the spotlight on designs, objects and works of art featuring creatures great and small, familiar and exotic. Furniture decorated with carvings such as classical lions' paws or chinoiserie Ho Ho birds; formal and folk art favouring beloved pets and domesticated beasts; decorated textiles; nostalgic toys; lamps in the form of carved or cast birds and animals. The kingdom of fauna provides truly endless possibilities, and past designers and artists have taken them all to heart.

What makes the Decorative Fair such a delight and sets it apart from all other fairs is the creativity and inspiration of the stand displays, the relaxed and cheerful atmosphere and a thrilling element of the unexpected; you never know what you might find around each corner. From period shop signs and advertising accessories to taxidermy, *objets trouvés* and fossils, exhibitors have an eye for the distinctly unusual! Decoration has never been such fun.



The Fair is easily accessed from Chelsea, Sloane Square and Knightsbridge using the frequent courtesy shuttle service to the Fair from outside the Sloane Square Hotel. Delicious food at Megan's Kitchen, a brasserie and bar, is available all day (don't miss the teatime cakes or the reviving Bloody Marys), whilst on-site packing and shipping facilities make life easy for international and UK buyers.

Well-behaved dogs (on leads) are welcomed, so take a walk in Battersea Park and bring your dog when you shop!

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About The Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fair:

Launched in 1985, the Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fair is the foremost antiques event for the design trade. It was the first major London fair to combine formal and decorative antiques with art and accessories for the interior decorating buyer, and one of the earliest antiques events to introduce post-war and mid-century modern design, re-purposed antiques and contemporary art. The Fair has always offered industrial and salvaged architectural antiques.

Whilst interior fashions have come and gone, the Decorative Fair has cheerfully ploughed its own distinct furrow, offering a relaxed, exciting and beautifully-styled environment to inspire customers, new and experienced. Quite different from any other antiques Fair in the UK, its informal vibe and friendly atmosphere is renowned internationally, as is its unique welcome to well-behaved dogs. The thrice-yearly Decorative Fair dates are a firm fixture in the diaries of leading international designers, decorators and private buyers shopping for distinctive, unusual and individual items for their home.

Event: The Spring Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fair, 17-22 April 2018
Opening Times: Tuesday 12pm – 8pm
Wednesday & Thursday 11am – 8pm
Friday & Saturday 11am – 7pm
Sunday 11am – 6pm
Admission: £10.00 at the door (catalogue gives re-admission throughout the week), or register at www.decorativefair.com to join the mailing list for free tickets.
Venue: Battersea Evolution (The Marquee), Battersea Park, London
Transport: A free shuttle service from outside the Sloane Square Hotel runs regularly to and from the Fair during opening hours. Satnav use SW8 4NW (Chelsea Bridge Gate). There is LIMITED free parking at Battersea Evolution plus PAID-FOR overspill at the PAY & DISPLAY zones elsewhere in Battersea Park, which may involve up to 10 minutes' walk to the venue.
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