

Press Release

History meets the future in unique design exhibition

Twenty-six designer-makers will have their products exhibited in *Hidden Art Curated*, an unusual design exhibition at Godolphin House which invites the viewer to look afresh at both contemporary design and the house's historic collection.

Hidden Art Curated will present contemporary Cornish design in the traditional rooms of Godolphin House, a 15th Century mansion set in National Trust woodland. The project has been curated by Katherine Sorrell, an established writer on design, craft and interior spaces. Katherine has selected glass, ceramics, furniture, textiles, jewellery and lighting by members of Hidden Art Cornwall in response to the existing furniture and architectural spaces in Godolphin House.

Katherine Sorrell says: *"I have been absolutely blown away by the quality and diversity of pieces made by Hidden Art Cornwall members. I'm hoping that the exhibition will be an inspiring and exciting show that allows visitors to see contemporary design and the fabulous historic interiors of Godolphin House in a stimulating new context, and that brings the work of Cornish designer-makers to an appreciative new audience."*

Participating designer-maker James Maclachlan says: *"On a personal level it is very interesting to see one's own work set amongst the backdrop of such an elegant and ancient house. It's quite an unusual opportunity to see my work within the context of another domestic period."*

The *Hidden Art Curated* project will take place at the first Hidden Art Cornwall Design Fair, August 26-28 at Godolphin House, nr Helston. The Design Fair will also present over fifty designer-makers with individual stalls selling design direct to the public. Opening times are Sat-Mon, 11am-6pm, and entry to the Design Fair is £3 (includes a free raffle ticket to the *Finer China* plate raffle), with free entry for under sixteens.

For more information on *Hidden Art Curated* visit: www.hiddenartcornwall.co.uk/curated

This project is supported by The National Lottery through Arts Council England.

Hidden Art Cornwall is a franchise of Hidden Art in association with University College Falmouth.

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For more information on Godolphin House visit www.godolphinhouse.com or phone +44 (0)1736 763194.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Hidden Art Cornwall

Hidden Art Cornwall is a not-for-profit membership organisation that supports and promotes designer-makers who live or work in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, offering companies and members of the public access to original design.

Our aim at Hidden Art Cornwall is to improve access to information, enable the exchange of ideas and expertise and offer a platform for designer-makers to exhibit and sell work, products and designs to key markets and the public.

Hidden Art Cornwall is the pilot franchise of Hidden Art in association with University College Falmouth.

About Hidden Art

Hidden Art is the trading name of Mazorca Projects, a not-for-profit organisation. Over the past 10 years, Hidden Art has driven the growth of the design sector in east London. The partners and funders of Mazorca Projects have recognised the benefit to designer-makers and the Department for Trade and Industry has awarded funding to help replicate the Hidden Art success story with its first franchise, Hidden Art Cornwall.

Hidden Art began in 1994 as a small open studios event showing the work of 43 Hackney-based designer-makers. A decade on, it has developed into a unique network, supporting over 1,800 designer-makers and building links between the creative and manufacturing industries and their clients.

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About Katherine Sorrell

Katherine Sorrell is a freelance journalist and author based in Penzance. She collects contemporary craft and has a background in writing about design for national newspapers and magazines such as Homes and Gardens. Katherine's books include 'Complete Craft', 'The Art of display', 'Modern Comfort' and 'At Home with Pattern'. Katherine has also sat on selection panels for events such as Chelsea Crafts Fair and the Bovey Tracey Contemporary Craft Fair.

About Godolphin House

Godolphin House is a privately owned house open to the public. Hidden in ancient woodlands Godolphin has beautiful interiors with fine examples of English furniture, rare and ancient gardens c1500, stables from c1585 and a surrounding National Trust estate for beautiful woodland and hill walks.

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University College Falmouth

University College Falmouth is internationally known for its undergraduate and postgraduate courses in art, design and media. In 2003 the College opened the Design Centre, part of a £130million development funded under the Combined Universities in Cornwall initiative, in which University College Falmouth is a founding partner. The CUC is funded mainly by the European Union (Objective One), the South West Regional Development Agency, and the Higher Education Funding Council for England, with support from Cornwall County Council.

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