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beyondlimits

Sotheby's at Chatsworth



Lynn Chadwick, *Sitting Couple*, 1989-90

Sotheby's returns to Chatsworth with a Landmark Selling Exhibition of Modern and Contemporary Sculpture

- Exhibition runs from 9 September to 2 November 2008 -

THIS YEAR, between Tuesday, 9 September and Sunday, 2 November 2008, Sotheby's will return to Chatsworth to stage *Beyond Limits* – a landmark selling exhibition of monumental modern and contemporary sculpture, now in its third year.

Following the extraordinary success of last year's exhibition - at which almost all of the 22 pieces found a buyer, and which attracted more than 30,000 extra visitors to the garden at Chatsworth - *Beyond Limits* will once again showcase a broad range of work by many of today's leading international sculptors, as well as major pieces by homegrown UK talents.

Alexander Platon, Director in Sotheby's Impressionist & Modern Art Department, has masterminded the exhibition for the last two years, working closely with the artists involved and tracking the ever-increasing enthusiasm for monumental sculpture: *"In the past couple of years, we've seen sculpture emerge as one of the fastest growing sectors of the international art scene. It's a fantastically exciting development, and one that has been particularly evident at the recent Beyond Limits exhibitions we've held at Chatsworth: last year's show attracted buyers from around the world, while at the same time drawing in droves of visitors from across the UK. What to my mind makes the event here so compelling is not only the exciting nature of the pieces we're able to bring together, but also - and very importantly - the drama of the setting: the gardens here provide the most magnificent backdrop imaginable and that, combined with the hugely powerful juxtaposition of history and modernity, makes for an all-consuming experience."*

The Duke of Devonshire continued: *"Beyond Limits is an absolutely top quality outdoor sculpture show and it generates a fantastically enthusiastic response amongst our visitors. People of all ages and backgrounds are inspired by seeing these works. It's open to everybody and visitors are free to wander around in their own time, viewing the exhibits from different angles with the magnificent landscape giving them an ever-changing context."*

Now firmly established as one of the leading events in the UK's outdoor and artistic calendar, *Beyond Limits* has evolved over the last three years to incorporate ever more pieces inspired by, and created especially for, the magnificent setting at Chatsworth. Last year, the exhibition included new, site-specific - and often challenging - works by a gamut of leading names such as Marc Quinn, Damien Hirst, Zaha Hadid, Michal Rovner and Zadok Ben David - all of which were extremely well received. This year, in similar vein, Chilean artist Fernando Casasepere has created a work (*Fusion*) directly inspired by a visit to Chatsworth, while Yorkshire-born Richard Hudson has created a bronze (*Love Me*) especially for the occasion. Their work will be shown alongside that of other leading contemporary sculptors, such as Fernando Botero, Kiki Smith, Bernar Venet, Marc Quinn, Jedd Novatt, Arnaldo Pomodoro, Ron Arad, Beverly Pepper, François Xavier Lalanne, Robert Indiana, Manolo Valdes, Kan Yasuda and Eric Goulter. While contemporary sculptors dominate, their work will be complemented by that of artists whose work defines the "modern" era of the early 20th-century - artists like Salvador Dalí, Aristide Maillol and Lynn Chadwick.

Aside from the sheer magnitude and arresting nature of the works to be exhibited this year, what is also striking is the international range of participating artists, with Columbia, Israel, Chile, Japan, France, Italy, England and the USA all represented. Working in a variety of media - everything from bronze to ceramic, steel and stone - this eclectic mix of talents brings a feel of modernity and exoticism to the lush green tranquility of one Britain's most splendid stately gardens.

Carefully – often playfully and surprisingly – positioned around Chatsworth’s 105-acres of gardens under the unerring eye of guest-curator Janice Blackburn, the 25-odd sculptures in this year’s *Beyond Limits* show are sure to provide plenty to feed the eyes and the imagination of visitors and prospective purchasers alike.

A snapshot of some of the works to be displayed (not all in situ)



From top left, clockwise:

- Marc Quinn, *Planet*, 2008
- Kan Yasuda, *Myomu (Key to a Dream)*, 1998
- Richard Hudson, *Love Me*, 2008
- Claude Lalanne, *Pomme de New York*, 2006
- Ron Arad, *Even the Odd Balls?*, 2008
- François-Xavier Lalanne, *Le Tres Grand Ours* 2007, bronze

Further information:

- Where:** Chatsworth, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1PP Tel: +44 (0) 1246 565300
- When:** Tuesday, 9 September until Sunday, 2 November 2008. 11-6pm every day
- Entry fee:** Admission to the gardens is £7.50 (adults), £4.50 (children)
- For more information:** Visit www.sothebys.com or www.chatsworth.org
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