



# MAYFAIR SCULPTURE TRAIL 2021

## 2-27 JUNE

## Mayfair galleries place artworks outdoors across the West End for the second edition of Mayfair Sculpture Trail

## Photo-call and unveiling 1 June

Be the first to see the works being installed and unveiled. Maps and tours provided. RSVP for details: <u>cherie@mayfairartweekend.com</u>



William Peers, 'Origin VI'. Presented by John Martin Gallery

The second Mayfair Sculpture Trail, a Mayfair Art Weekend collaboration with Art in Mayfair, takes place this summer launching on Wednesday 2 June, with the installation of sculptures by leading international artists in iconic locations across the West End. From Bond Street, Cork Street and Berkeley Square to the tree-lined grandeur of Grosvenor Square, the world's most vibrant art district will be animated by outdoor works of art taking visitors on a trail through contemporary sculpture, selected by the Mayfair galleries themselves. In addition, the prestigious permanent sculptures in Mayfair are highlighted to create an outdoor visual art day out, free for all to enjoy.

Art in the public realm has been fundamental to Mayfair's heritage and is one of the primary ways of re-engaging audiences with art and culture coming out of months of lockdown. For this 2021 edition of the Mayfair Sculpture Trail, London's leading art dealers are particularly pleased to have the opportunity to exhibit contemporary art beyond the walls of their galleries. A SNEAK PEAK AT THE SECOND MAYFAIR SCULPTURE TRAIL IN JUNE 2021

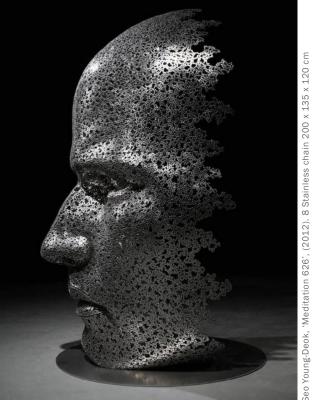
Humanity is a key theme this year. From marble to steel and bronze, the human face and form are approached from a multitude of perspectives by the participating international artists. One further sculpture breaks-away from this theme and will surprise visitors along the trail.

British artist William Peers is carving a new work out of marble for the Mayfair Sculpture Trail. The artwork, presented by John Martin Gallery, corresponds to a new series by William Peers that celebrates humankind. A face of no particular race or gender: 'Origin VI'.

In conversation with the Peers' 'Origin VI' and exhibiting in the public realm for the first time in the UK, is up-and-coming Turkish artist Hande Şekerciler presented by JD Malat Gallery. Experimenting with ideas of form and social issues in her sculptural work, the work 'Ecstasy self-portrait no. 1' similarly removes gender and social labels.

As we all experience a re-entry into the real world, 'Alien 2' by David Breuer-Weil is a reminder that of the discomfort and unease faced by many. Presented by E&R Cyzer, the





artwork positioned on New Bond Street for the Mayfair Sculpture Trail provides an intense moment of reflection in this shopping hub.

Opera Gallery is presenting three sculptures including a work by South Korean artist Seo Young-Deok. The artist has captivated audiences by producing, hyper-realistic sculptures of the human body made with welded iron or stainless steel chains using the parts from bicycles and industrial machinery.

On nearby Cork Street, Lisson Gallery is presenting 'Walking Figure' by Julie Opie who has a solo exhibition concurrently at 22 Cork Street.

The full trail will be revealed to the public on 2 June. For the first to see the installation and revealing of the works, join our press tours on 1 June.

The Mayfair Sculpture Trail also highlights the permanent public artworks of the area: Lawrence Holofcener's 'Allies' on New Bond Street, commissioned to mark 50 years of peace; 'Three Figures' by sculptor Neal French at Bourdon Place that captures the moment photographer Terence Donovan snapped model Twiggy for an iconic photo of 1966, and watched by a passer-by; on Bruton Lane Banksy's

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Margaux Carpentier, 'Watching You Grow', Presented by Wander Art at Brown Hart Gardens. (#WanderArt; Commissioned by @Mayfair\_LDN; Curated by @alterprojects\_)

> 'Falling Shopper' that depicts a shopper falling dramatically through the air trying to clutch a shopping trolley containing a bottle of wine and a necklace; the trail concludes with Joel Shapiro's stunning untitled bronze sculpture high above the entrance to 23 Savile Row.

> This year, you'll also find Wander Art, London's newest and largest outdoor gallery! Artists featured in Mayfair include Fernando Laposse ('Wild Lights' at Mercato Mayfair), Julien Colombier ('Red Hot Contrasts' at 20 Balderton



Street), Margaux Carpentier ('Watching You Grow' at Brown Hart Gardens), Morag Myerscough ('See Through' at Grosvenor Square) and Yinka Ilori ('In Plants We Trust' at Mount Street Gardens). (<u>mayfairandbelgravia.</u> <u>com/wander-art</u>)

The final weekend of the Mayfair Sculpture Trail coincides with 8th edition of Mayfair Art Weekend 25 – 27 June, an event where the Mayfair gallery community collaborate to bring you the best exhibitions and an event programme of talks, tours, workshops, performances and family friendly activities, all for free. Inviting audiences back to see art in real life, the weekend of events launches with the celebrated Gallery HOP! taking place on Friday 25 June with galleries staying open until 8pm.

"Presenting my work in Grosvenor Square is a really exciting opportunity. Grosvenor Square is an iconic space for the arts and culture and I am grateful that my work can be viewed in this context and engaged with by the international public of London." Artist Hande Şekerciler

"I am so pleased to bring the monumental work of Hande Şekerciler to London. Displaying her sculpture in Grosvenor Square is truly an honour and I am excited that London's public will be able to cross paths with her work

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unexpectedly. The open space of Grosvenor Square presents a new and engaging context for her work and I can't wait to see the public interact with it." Jean-David Malat, Founder JD Malat Gallery

"As I began to carve, there were two great issues in my mind – the killing of George Floyd and the indiscriminate pandemic. These thoughts distilled and transformed themselves into a series of marble heads. Who are they? Everyone. I am not trying to represent any one person but the whole of humankind. People of no particular race or sex. We are one humanity. It is ever more apparent that my security doesn't count for much if you are not secure too. We are reliant on each other. You are, therefore I am." Artist William Peers

"I have just done a major virtual exhibition at a UK Museum that is still on; but with Alien 2 I wanted to land a massive physical entity to express our re-entry into the real world and nothing could be more real and physical than a massive sculpture in the heart of Mayfair. The subject of an Alien is not only an extra terrestrial, but anyone who feels alienated from a place or society. I like the idea of impressing that upon one of the most mainstream venues in the world, Mayfair."

Artist David Breuer-Weil



Hande Şekerciler in her studio. Photoby Elif Firat

"I am delighted to be involved with the 2021 Mayfair Sculpture Trail. The trail provides a fantastic opportunity to explore and reconnect with our public spaces, and to see and experience art in real life, something which has been greatly missed over the past year. We received some very strong submissions and the final selection of works showcases a variety of materials and techniques from a range of exciting international artists and galleries. The trail also highlights sculptures permanently situated in Mayfair that visitors may not have noticed before. The trail is accessible and open to everyone, and hopefully will be an enjoyable and thought-provoking way to encounter sculpture in unexpected places." Alexandra Burnett (Mayfair Sculpture Trail Advisor)

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#### NOTES TO EDITORS:

#### About Mayfair Sculpture Trail

The Mayfair Sculpture Trail is a Mayfair Art Weekend collaboration with Art in Mayfair. The inaugural edition in October 2020 launched in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic in between lockdowns, providing an opportunity for people to experience art outdoors. This unique sculpture trail provides an opportunity for galleries in Mayfair to feature sculptures outdoors near to their physical gallery spaces. Supporters of the Mayfair Sculpture Trail include Westminster City Council, Burlington Arcade, Cork Street Galleries, Grosvenor Britain & Ireland, and Mayfair galleries.

Listing: Mayfair Sculpture Trail 2 – 27 June 2021 Mayfair (multiple locations) mayfairartweekend.com/sculpture-trail #MayfairSculptureTrail

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#### About Mayfair Art Weekend

Mayfair Art Weekend celebrates the diverse offering of this internationally renowned, vibrant hub of creativity and craftsmanship; where the worlds of art, fashion and luxury sit side by side. Each year, Mayfair Art Weekend partners with a host of art galleries in the area to offer an extensive programme of FREE exhibitions, walking trails, events, performances, talks and tours across Mayfair. www.mayfairartweekend.com

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Gallery HOP!, Friday 25 June 6-8pm May Fair Showreel, Sunday 27 June 12-5pm Mayfair Gallery Publication Award – Autumn 2021 #MayfairArtWeekend Admission: FREE Entry



Anthony James, 'Sacred Geometry'. Presented by Opera Gallery

#### About Art in Mayfair

Art in Mayfair launched in 2018 in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Royal Academy of Arts. This unique collaboration between one of the world's most prestigious art galleries and Bond Street continues to provide a platform from which to celebrate art, fashion, and culture centred in this luxury enclave. Timed to coincide with the RA's Summer Exhibition, the innovative event sees world-leading fashion and jewellery brands team with artists to transform the area into a live exhibition in recognition of Mayfair's rich art heritage. Art in Mayfair includes a host of art activations, pop-up installations, showcases, events, specially commissioned art flags by acclaimed Royal Academicians, as well as the Mayfair Sculpture Trail a Mayfair Art Weekend collaboration with Art in Mayfair. www.bondstreet.co.uk

### MAYFAIR ART WEEKEND FOUNDING PARTNERS

#### About Boodle Hatfield

Law firm Boodle Hatfield is delighted to be sponsoring the eighth edition of Mayfair Art Weekend. Having held offices in the area since 1722, Mayfair forms an important part of Boodle Hatfield's culture and identity. Listed as one of the top four art law firms in the UK, Boodle Hatfield acts for private galleries and dealers, artists and their estates, auction houses, collectors and family offices, museums & charities as well as financiers and investors on a wide range of issues. The firm also has an unrivalled expertise in classic cars, fine wine and fashion.

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#### About The Pollen Estate

The Pollen Estate, sponsoring Mayfair Art Weekend for the fifth year, have been active in the East Mayfair area since the early nineteenth century. Through their "Cork Street Galleries" initiative they have doubled the size of the gallery space on Cork Street. This is central to their desire to ensure that Cork Street becomes again the premier destination location in the world for successful modern and contemporary art gallery businesses. corkstgalleries.com

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### About Brown's Hotel

Brown's is renowned for its guintessential British flair when it comes to art and design, and with its prime position amongst Mayfair art galleries, it is proud to be the exclusive hotel partner of Mayfair Art Weekend. With a unique interior design, complemented by stunning artworks and furnishings, the public areas as well as the rooms and suites at London's first hotel have been designed by Olga Polizzi, that each pay tribute to the hotel's illustrious heritage and worldrenowned charm.

Home to some of London's finest dining experiences, from its restaurant and bars that feature contemporary art and photographs throughout. At the Donovan Bar, guests can enjoy signature cocktails surrounded by iconic photographs by Terence Donovan, and Charlie's, celebrates contemporary British fare, its walls pay tribute to commissioned pieces by Kristjana Williams; and in the Drawing Room, where traditional afternoon tea is honoured, the room features a seasonal art exhibition curated by John Martin Gallery.

#### About Cork Street Galleries

Cork Street Galleries is an initiative of The Pollen Estate. The Pollen Estate is committed to working collaboratively with key stakeholders to improve the area's public realm yet preserving the historic and artistic character of the area both on Cork Street and Savile Row.

The Estate has developed the west side of Cork Street where a total of c 18,000 sq. ft. of flexible gallery space with ceiling heights of up to 8m is now available. The Pollen Estate acquired c 23,000 sq. ft. of additional gallery space for Cork Street at the beginning of 2018 from Native Land, located at 22 –27, fronting both Cork Street and Old Burlington Street. The acquisition was part of the Pollen Estate's commitment to its

Cork Street Galleries initiative, doubling the gallery space available on Cork Street. The gallery spaces at 22 – 27 Cork Street encompass three floors of varying sizes: c 12,000 sq. ft. in the basement, 8,500 sq. ft. on the ground floor and 2,500 sq. ft. on the first floor. The total redevelopment on Cork Street now accounts for circa 41,000 sq. ft. of gallery space. Each location has spaces that range in size in order to meet the diverse and changing needs of gallery operators within Mayfair.

The redevelopment of the area and the additional space underlines The Pollen Estate's commitment to ensuring that Cork Street endures as the go-to street for art. For more information on Cork Street Galleries see - corkstgalleries.com

### About Grosvenor Britain & Ireland

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## About New West End Company (Bond St & Mayfair Group)

New West End Company is a leading voice for the West End's retail and property sector, representing 600 businesses across 72 streets in the district. Working in partnership with members and stakeholders, the organisations have driven a renewal of London's retail heartland and continue to lead transformational projects, while creating meaningful relationships with commercial partners to further elevate the global profile of the West End & Mayfair to international, domestic and local audiences. Mayfair Art Weekend offers an opportunity for collectors, enthusiast and visitors alike to experience the wealth of art and cultural heritage that Mayfair has to offer.

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