

For Immediate Release

The inaugural **Animal Art Fair** is to exhibit the largest collection of animal artists in one place at **Fulham Palace in April 2010**

London, January 2010 - The first Animal Art Fair is taking place at the Fulham Palace between 16th and 18th April 2010. True to the organisers' aim of providing something for everyone, there will be an eclectic mix of both up & coming and established artists and UK based & international artists. They will be exhibiting a range of mediums from sculpture to photography and featuring a diversity of fauna.

Artists include Gill Parker, renowned for the life-size bronze of Derby winner, Motivator at Ascot Racecourse, Dominique Salm, winner of the BBC Wildlife Artist of the Year award in the Mammals Category and Kate Denton, the current artist in residence at Hedingham Castle.

Other exhibitors include Hamish Mackie, Annabel Pope, Philip Blacker, Kate Denton, Davina Bosanquet, Elizabeth Armstrong, Amy Sandys-Lumsdaile and Henry McHale.

The three-day event will offer both buyers and artists a unique marketplace in which to do business, offering direct access to the world of animal art. No middle men, no galleries and no premium, just the opportunity to discover new talent and to buy directly from the artist. The organisers have allocated space to just 40 artists with each being there to openly discuss their work in the relaxed and intimate setting of the beautiful Fulham Palace.

The Animal Art Fair is also proud to be working with the Born Free Foundation in order to aid its worldwide action protecting threatened species. Born Free is supported by a wide range of celebrities including Joanna Lumley, Jenny Seagrove, Martin Clunes, Rachel Hunter & Amanda Holden.

Anne Tudor from the Born Free Foundation said, "We are delighted to have the support of the Animal Art Fair and look forward to attending the event and seeing the diverse range of animal art on display."

Organisers Barnaby Parker and Jamie Polk envisage the 2010 fair being the

first of many.

“Our aim is to develop strong relationships between artists and our visitors whilst helping to raise money for such a worthwhile cause as the Born Free Foundation.”

Notes to Editor

VISITING

The fair will be open on Friday 16th April, Saturday 17th April and Sunday 18th April 2010, 10am - 6pm

TICKETS

Tickets for the fair can be pre-booked online for £10 [HYPERLINK "http://www.animalartfair.com"](http://www.animalartfair.com) www.animalartfair.com or purchased on the door: £12 for adults, free for concessions and children under 16. For general enquiries please call 020 7223 9037

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Fulham Palace, Bishop's Avenue, Fulham, SW6 6EA

ABOUT THE VENUE

The Fulham Palace estate was owned by the Bishops of London for over 1300 years and the Palace was their country home from at least the 11th century. Vacated by the Bishops in 1975, the Palace is now managed jointly by Hammersmith and Fulham Council and the Fulham Palace Trust.

Today the Palace's stately rooms house an intriguing museum that interprets the site's extraordinary history; a relaxing café-bar within a graceful drawing room which overlooks the extensive botanic gardens; and an elegant gallery space that provides an innovative programme of contemporary, Palace-inspired art.

ABOUT US

JAMIE POLK - Having left his job as a fund manager at the turn of the Millennium in search of a new challenge, Jamie's life took a drastic turn when he broke his neck in a diving accident leaving him paralysed from the chest down. Since then he has followed the principle of making the best of all opportunities. Over recent years his walls have been filled by an eclectic range of art, sourced from artists and galleries that have caught his eye and imagination. He sees the Animal Art Fair as a terrific prospect. "It is fantastically exciting finding great talent and rewarding to be able to showcase this talent direct to the buying public. And it's much more fun than sitting behind a desk!"

BARNABY PARKER - After graduating with an Art History degree from Manchester, Barnaby was briefly distracted from the art world by the lure of headhunting in the City where he founded and successfully floated Hydrogen Group on AIM in 2006. His shared vision for Animal Art Fair is to establish an open marketplace where artists and clients can interact, discover more about each other and

build lasting relationships. Starting with the inaugural event in London in April 2010 he believes that this is a business model that can be expanded across the world.

Barnaby is also a keen polo player and owns an ear of a racehorse called Imperial Warrior.

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