PLEASING SALES AT THE ESHER HALL ANTIQUES & FINE ART FAIR, SANDOWN PARK RACECOURSE IN SURREY 6-8 October 2017



SOLD - Two of a set of six William IV mahogany dining chairs, priced at £1,850 from Walton House Antiques

The Esher Hall Antiques & Fine Art Fair (6-8 October at Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey, organised by The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited) reflected the current state of the economy with sales resembling 'the curate's egg – good in parts'. Catherine Hunt Oriental Antiques had a sensational fair with a five-figure sale within the first hour of the fair opening and still selling strongly as the fair closed on Sunday evening. Many of her sales were to Oriental buyers who had come over to London early prior to the Asian sales in the UK. "I was incredibly pleased with the overall result," said Cathy Hunt.

Another very happy exhibitor was **Richard Price** of BBC Antiques Roadshow fame, who sold six antique clocks during the fair. "I am over the moon with the response I have received from visitors and am delighted to have helped people find their perfect clock be it a carriage clock, timepiece or wall clock," said Richard Price. Sales were to new as well as existing clients.

Art of the Imagination found buyers for two sculptures by Paul Kidby: a bronze bust of Sir Terry Pratchett and a large bronze of a dragon entitled Feldspar, priced at £9,950, along with several paintings, illustrations and books. Both the sculptures went to new clients. "I am very pleased with the outcome," said Michael Emeny.

Three more sculptures were sold by **Garret & Hurst Sculpture**, priced between £4,000 and £10,000: one 19th century bronze, one early 20th century Carrara marble and a contemporary bronze by Dutch sculptor, Margot Homan. Having exhibited at each of the past ten annual fairs at Esher Hall, Margaret Cowley was full of praise for the fair saying, "We continue to find the fair comparing very favourably with the larger London fairs. It's a fair where we meet new clients and we still have some potential after-sales on the go."

Mark J West enjoyed the fair with a number of glass and decorative objects finding new homes. The majority of the jewellery dealers also reported that selling continued across

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SOLD - A French Empire mantel timepiece formed as a vase of flowers, £4,750 from Richard Price



SOLD - Two Paul Kidby bronze sculptures 'Feldspar', £9,950 and 'Terry Pratchett' from Art of the Imagination

P.O. Box 119 Cranbrook Kent TN18 5WB Telephone 01797 252030 E-mail info@adfl.co.uk Web www.adfl.co.uk Reg. no. 04293279 (England & Wales) all three days of the fair with some impressive people attending. First time exhibitor, **Gråsilver** met some interesting new clients, who bought a selection of the vintage Scandinavian jewellery.

Amongst the sales of furniture from **Walton House Antiques** was a set of six William IV mahogany dining chairs and **Wilsons Antiques** sold a Victorian burr walnut dining table, a late Victorian satinwood inlaid Pembroke table and a French carved mahogany armchair, as well as pictures. Commenting on the fair, Frank Wilson said, "I am pleased that the organisers were able to bring in buyers to the fair, the majority being new to me."

"It was a great experience and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting and chatting to the dealers who were all very friendly and informative about their subject," said a happy first-time visitor. Apart from Asians, Surrey locals and people from the home counties, other Europeans visited the fair, including French and Italians.

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SOLD - 'Reflections among the Ruins' by Dominique Alonzo (French, active 1900-1930) gilded bronze, c.1920, priced at £4,500

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