

ART ANTIQUES CHESHIRE

The Mere Golf Resort & Spa, Mere, Knutsford, Cheshire

Friday 23 to Sunday 25 February 2018



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For three days from Friday 23 to Sunday 25 February, **Art Antiques Cheshire**, organised by **The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited**, is an unmissable event that is essential for anyone interested in acquiring the best in fine art, antiques and design from 30 specialist dealers from all over the UK. Mixing antiques with furnishings and design objects and offering antiquities alongside art to the present day, the event has a broad approach and relaxed atmosphere, creating the perfect shopping environment.

This top-class boutique style fair returns for the seventh year, taking place at The Mere Golf Resort & Spa, Chester Road, Mere, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6LJ, one of the most luxurious hotels in Cheshire. The Mere, being close to Chester, Manchester and Liverpool, draws people from all over the north-west. All items are for sale.

The fair is a fascinating source of collectors' objects spanning the centuries with disciplines ranging from paintings, furniture, sculpture, jewellery, watches, silver, glass, clocks, vintage clothing and Art Deco works to classical and medieval antiquities. New faces exhibiting at the fair this year include **Antiques by Design**, a family-run business from Leek, Staffordshire; **Blackbrook Gallery** from Leicestershire; **Carnes Fine Art** from Lancashire; **Greenstein Antiques** from Gray's in London's Mayfair; **Something Different** from Somerset; **The Soden Collection** from Shrewsbury, **Granta Fine Art** from St Neots and **Les & Rhoda Howard Small Silver Collectables** from Cheshire.

One of the most eye-catching exhibits of the fair is a magnificent matching pair of T'ang horses dating from the 7th-8th centuries from **Odyssey Antiquities** of Southport, POA. The horse has always had a special place in Chinese art ever since they were first domesticated nearly 5,000 years ago.

Anyone looking to purchase a painting will find a comprehensive display at the fair with eight fine art dealers showing differing works from the 18th to 21st centuries. Visitors with a connection to Cheshire or those living in the county will be fascinated to find the first ever map of Cheshire by Christopher Saxton, dated 1577, POA from **J Dickinson Maps & Prints**. The map is in superb condition and still retains its original condition and colour and any cartography enthusiast would want this rare item for their collection.

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18ct gold leaping frog brooch/pendant set with pink sapphires, diamonds and garnet eyes, POA from Plaza



Matching pair of T'ang horses, Chinese, terracotta, 7th-8th century, over 53 cm high, POA from Odyssey Antiquities

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Other interesting works around the fair are 19th century naïve animal paintings such as *The Prize Berkshires* painted by John Vine (1808-1867) c. 1850, £26,500 from **Blackbrook Gallery**, one of the few galleries specialising in this area; and colourful works on **The Soden Collection's** stand by Endre Röder, a contemporary artist influenced by his Hungarian origins and early life in Malta. They are also exhibiting works by Robert Lenkiewicz, Roy Turner Durrant, Frank Avray Wilson and Brian Bradshaw alongside sculptures by Carl Payne. Other fine art dealers exhibiting are **Cambridge Fine Art**, **Haynes Fine Art - London & Cotswolds** and **Richwood Fine Art Ltd**.



Late Victorian mahogany inlaid kidney shaped desk by Edwards & Roberts, £6,950 from Mark Buckley Antiques

With the fair taking place in the same month as Valentine's Day, there is still plenty of choice from the jewellery stands such as a Chopard LOVE heart necklace set with sapphires and diamonds, POA, from **Plaza** or for something more traditional, an Edwardian platinum mounted Australian opal and old mine cut diamond stone set ladies' pendant necklace, £12,500. A more contemporary look comes from Narissa Mather of **Antiques by Design** who makes and designs bespoke silver jewellery and items with prices starting around £165. Further jewellery stands include **Anderson Jones Ltd**, **Greenstein Antiques**, **Howell 1870**, **Shapiro & Co** and **T Robert**.



'Cheetham Hill' by William R Turner, oil on board, £4,420 from Richwood Fine Art Ltd

Beauty and craftsmanship is the signature of decorative arts and the fair is an excellent hunting ground for Art Nouveau and Art Deco collectables. An eclectic mix of these works as well as Arts & Crafts sculpture, glass and metalwork will be offered by **Solo Antiques** such as a large acid-etched vase by Nancy Daum, c.1905-1910, £5,750 and a Tiffany iridescent Favrilite floriform vase signed by Tiffany, c.1910, £2,250. **Fileman Antiques** and **Stephen Kalms Antiques** are also exhibiting.

Fine furniture dealer **Mark Buckley Antiques** is bringing a late Victorian mahogany inlaid kidney shaped desk by Edwards & Roberts, £6,950 and amongst the oak and country furniture on **Melody Antiques** stand is an exhibition quality walnut stool made by cabinet makers Blain & Co, Liverpool, dated 1855 and with the workman's signature on the frame, £1,850.



Edwardian platinum mounted Australian opal and old mine cut diamond stone set ladies' pendant necklace, circa 1905, £12,500 from Shapiro & Co

For over a year now, **The Antiques Dealers Fair Limited** has been supporting the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust, the charitable arm of the Royal Warrant Holders Association. QEST scholar Wayne Hart is representing the charity and is bringing examples of his lettering and typography to share with the fair's visitors. He will be demonstrating letter-carving in stone, wood and glass and taking commissions.

Enjoy a meal in Browns, The Mere's flagship restaurant with 2AA rosettes or enjoy light refreshments within the fair. Take advantage of the free parking making it a one-stop shop and an enjoyable day out.

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Notes to Editors:

The fair is vetted with a dateline of 1970 for most disciplines.

Event: Art Antiques Cheshire

Venue Address: The Mere Golf Resort & Spa, Chester Road, Mere, near Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6LJ

Date: Friday 23 – Sunday 25 February 2018

Opening times: Friday 11 am – 6pm, Saturday 10.30am – 6pm, Sunday 10.30am – 5pm



Tiffany iridescent Favrilite Floriform vase, signed, c.1910, £2,250 from Solo Antiques

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Tickets & enquiries:

£5, including catalogue (and re-admission)
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Transport:

By Road: On the A556, close to junction 19 of the M6.
Free parking. AA signposted.

By Rail: Knutsford railway station (5-10 minutes),
Stockport Station (20-30 minutes), Manchester Airport
Station (20-30 minutes), Manchester Piccadilly (30-40
minutes)

By Air: Manchester Airport (9.1miles), helipad at resort

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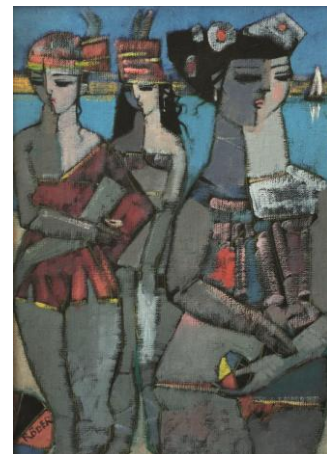
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Silver cup and cover,
London, 1906, £4,900 from
Stephen Kalms Antiques



'Rosina & Antonia' by Endre
Röder, oil on board, £2,950
from The Soden Collection