

Inspiring Talks Programme with brand new Interiors Series to feature at the 45th Art & Antiques Fair Olympia

[The Art & Antiques Fair Olympia](#) is set to return to London next month with an outstanding list of speakers offering an array of advice to visitors looking for inspiration for their homes.

New for 2017 is the first **Interior Design Talk Series** where experts including Douglas Mackie, Henrietta Spencer-Churchill, Grant Pierrus, Emma Burns, Caroline de Cabarrus and a selection of leading experts from the BIID, will take to the lectern to share their ideas on how to make the most of pieces purchased at the Fair and how to create stylish interiors.

Meanwhile Curators from **The British Museum** and **Tate Britain** will be offering behind the scenes insight into two of the UK's most popular exhibitions running in London at the moment while experts from Sotheby's and Tatler share their thoughts on what's hot right now in jewellery. And returning to give daily highlights tours will be independent Art Advisor, Vanessa Curry and antiques expert, Mark Hill, will be giving a persuasive introduction to buying antiques and how to integrate them in your home.

Clare Barlow, Curator at the exhibition 'Queer British Art, 1861 – 1967' at Tate Britain

Topic: What is Queer British Art?

Go behind the scenes of this exciting exhibition featuring works from 1861 to 1967 relating to lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer identities. Marking the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of male homosexuality in England, *Queer British Art* exhibition curator, Clare Barlow, explores how artists expressed themselves in a time when established assumptions about gender and sexuality were being questioned and transformed.

Dr Barlow says: "The aim of our exhibition is to celebrate the diversity of British art like never before. Choosing art and antiques for your home has always been a way of expressing your identity and many of the objects in the show helped to forge community at a time of oppression. Together they reveal a remarkable range of identities and stories, from the playful to the political and from the erotic to the domestic."



Clare Barlow from Tate Britain's Talk will take place on Wednesday 28th June 14.30 to 15.30.

All the above talks will be taking place in the Club Room, Gallery Level, Olympia London from 27th June until 2nd July.

Located in the elegant National Hall in London Olympia, the Fair is extremely easy to get to and there will be a free shuttle bus during the Fair between London Olympia and Sloane Square.

A Preview held on Monday 26th June, late openings, champagne bar and a specially created menu at Mosimann's Jazz Cafe all combine to make the Fair a prestigious and must-attend event in London's summer calendar.

Tickets are priced at £15 in advance and £20 on the door and £60 on Preview day*.

The Art & Antiques Fair Olympia takes place at the Olympia National, London, W14 8UX.

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit www.olympia-art-antiques.com.

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*A transaction fee of £1.20 applies

Notes to Editors

The Art & Antiques Fair Olympia is the UK's largest and most established art and antiques fair, taking place annually in June and July at London's iconic Kensington Olympia Exhibition Centre. Celebrating its 45th year in 2017, The Art & Antiques Fair Olympia is recognised as one of the most prestigious fairs in the UK and an annual destination for more than 25,000 discerning visitors from across the world.

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