

International inspiration

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This year's event International Art Fair will be bigger and better than ever, taking over not one, but three halls at the city's magnificent town hall

More than 150 artists from more than 30 countries will be filling the historic venue with an incredible display of art, with more pieces than ever before gathered under one roof for visitors to admire and to buy in the city's largest showcase of modern and contemporary art.

Following a sell-out event in 2014, Joelle Dinnage and her business partner Natal Vallvé from organisers The Global Art Agency are making the fantastic free three-day art extravaganza bigger and better for 2015. As well as more artists, there will also be larger, more spacious viewing areas to take in the huge variety of artworks, paintings, sculptures, photography, art, illustrations, printmaking and, for the first time, bespoke crafts and jewellery on show at the event.

"This year, to make the task of admiring and also of finding the right piece to decorate a home, garden or office even more enjoyable, we are opening up the walkways more to make it easier to look round and appreciate the pieces as well as spreading the collections over three halls.

Visitors can take their time to wander around and see what's on show, chat to the artists, relax over a coffee or glass of wine and then select the piece that catches their eye," says Joelle Dinnage from organisers The Global Art Agency.

The fair starts in style on the Friday night, 6th February, with a special private view and champagne reception with tickets costing £10 each for an exclusive sneak preview of the treasures that are to come over the weekend. Entry is then completely free on the 7th and 8th, with the event culminating in the announcement of the best artists on show at the Oxford International Art Fair Awards on Sunday afternoon. Other must-sees will be work by British street artist Banksy in the form of 'Di Faced Tenners', screen-printed ten pound notes from the 'Banksy of England' bearing the face of the late Princess Diana in place of the Queen; a prize draw to win £500 worth of artwork and live painting throughout the weekend.

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