

HALCYON GALLERY

***Isis* by Simon Gudgeon opens at Halcyon Gallery as sculpture is unveiled in Hyde Park**

Isis, a new solo exhibition by British sculptor Simon Gudgeon, will launch at Halcyon Gallery on 11 June 2009. This show coincides with the unveiling of Gudgeon's iconic *Isis* sculpture in Hyde Park, commissioned to help raise funds for a new Look Out education centre for children and a new home for the Royal Parks Foundation.

The exhibition will focus on this major new public work, telling the story of its development and creation. It is hoped that *Isis* in Hyde Park will raise £1million for the new Centre, with 1,000 plaques to be permanently inlaid around the sculpture's base, each of which can be purchased for £1,000, with all funds going directly to the project.

Isis reveals Gudgeon's unique signature style, representing the movement and emotion of nature in smooth forms and simple lines, and the exhibition at Halcyon Gallery will showcase several versions of the work, in a wide range of sizes and materials. The exhibition will also feature a number of ambitious recent large-scale works by Gudgeon, showcasing a new direction in his work, and a pared down and minimalist approach to his sculpture.

Isis follows the recent success of Sculpture by the Lakes in Pallington, Dorset, a sculpture park opened by Simon Gudgeon in association with Halcyon Gallery in September 2008. Sculpture by the Lakes presents Gudgeon's works in a beautiful rural setting, across 26 acres of Dorset countryside, bordered by the River Frome.

Simon has attained worldwide recognition in recent years, and exhibited internationally, with highly-acclaimed shows in London, New York, San Diego, Paris and the Netherlands. His work features in many important private collections both in the UK and abroad, such as those of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Bedford and the Duke of Northumberland.

President of Halcyon Gallery, Paul Green, comments: '*Simon Gudgeon's Isis represents the goddess of nature in his uniquely beautiful style. Halcyon Gallery is proud to support the Royal Parks Foundation's appeal to help children explore the wonders of nature and wildlife in the heart of London. The exhibition will be an opportunity to learn more about the project, as well as displaying the work of one of the most talented sculptors working in Britain today.*'

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Notes to editors

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Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 10am to 6pm
Sunday by appointment only

Free entry

Halcyon Gallery

Situated in the heart of Mayfair, London, Halcyon Gallery is one of Europe's leading art galleries, representing some of the finest contemporary painters and sculptors working today. Halcyon Gallery is committed to supporting and nurturing outstanding living artists, specialising in fine art, original paintings, drawings and sculpture.

2008 marked the 25th anniversary of Halcyon Gallery and the opening of a magnificent new flagship gallery at 24 Bruton Street. This elegant Georgian building has been renovated to create a stunning exhibition space suitable for the finest art and joins Halcyon Gallery's existing London gallery at 29 New Bond Street.

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Sculpture by the Lakes

Open by appointment only

For further information please contact Halcyon Gallery

Royal Parks Foundation

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