

The CHESTER Decorative ANTIQUES & ART FAIR

County GRANDSTAND,
CHESTER RACECOURSE, CHESTER CH1 2LY

7th – 9th FEBRUARY 2020



New Work By Renowned Sculptor Philip Blacker To Be Unveiled at Chester Fair

A superb sculpture by the renowned artist Philip Blacker will be unveiled at The Chester Decorative Antiques & Art Fair, 7th – 9th February.

Rowles Fine Art from Ludlow will be showing 'Mare & Foal', a half life-size bronze sculpture signed and numbered from an edition of 6.

Philip Blacker (b.1949) is one of the world's leading equestrian sculptors. He is best known for his life size and over life size horses which can be seen worldwide. For the first 14 year of his adult life Philip Blacker rode as a professional jockey, riding 350 winners and being placed in the Grand National. It was during this time he acquired his love of sculpture and through the guidance of his mentor Margot Dent, and developed his style and technique.

In 1983 Philip retired from the saddle to concentrate on his sculptural career. Since then he has carried out many large and small scale commissions worldwide, starting with Red Rum at Aintree Racecourse in 1988, followed by bronzes of many championship racehorses around the world.



Speaking about the new work to be shown at the Chester Fair, Philip says:

'The mare and foal has been a favourite source of inspiration for me for years. Not only does it make a wonderful composition of harmonious maternity, but the subject also conjures up an image of optimism. Who knows what this foal will turn out to be? Maybe a future champion.'

I have for a long time wanted to create a half-life size bronze of this subject, as it is to my mind a perfect scale. Large enough to go in an outside setting, but not so large that it overpowers its surroundings.'

The sculpture will be for sale.

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Taking place at the County Grandstand, Chester Racecourse, from 7th- 9th February, the Chester Antiques Fair brings together leading specialist dealers from across the country.

The Chester Antiques Fair was relaunched in October last year by the new organiser, Sue Ede of Cooper Events, who brought many new faces to the list of specialist exhibitors.

The forthcoming fair will once again be full of exhibitors over three floors of the prestigious County Grandstand. Since the fair was relaunched, there is now a strong emphasis on decorative pieces, with

The fair will feature exhibits from £25 to £25,000, from decorative furniture and mirrors to classic Georgian and Victorian country pieces, English silver, oil and watercolour paintings, pottery, porcelain, glass and jewellery.

More than fifty dealers will be exhibiting and once again the fair will take place over three floors of the County Grandstand building. The top floor has been restyled to incorporate the Antiques Arcade where visitors will find a greater variety of exhibits than for many years. For regular visitors, the fair will be livelier, more interesting and with more variety.

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County Grandstand,

Chester Racecourse CH1 2LY

11am-5pm daily. Entry £5.00.

The fair is organised by: Cooper Events, Somerset TA8 1BU. Tel: 01278 784912.

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