

SAATCHI GALLERY



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RHS Botanical Art & Photography Show 2021 returns to Chelsea's Saatchi Gallery

- Annual event to run from 18th September until 3rd October
- More than 200 botanical drawings and photographs to be exhibited

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and Saatchi Gallery have partnered to present the return of the RHS Botanical Art and Photography Show in 2021. Running parallel to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in September, it will feature more than 200 of the best botanical artwork and garden photography by 34 global artists in celebration of these technical art forms.

2021's show will include an array of intricate and scientifically accurate botanical illustrations by 15 artists and portfolio collections from 19 photographers that will all compete for an RHS Medal – Gold, Silver Gilt, Silver or Bronze.

The RHS Botanical Art & Photography Show 2021 will be the first presented at the Saatchi Gallery, London and will run for two weeks, enabling artists and photographers to showcase their work to an even wider audience. Accompanying the show will be a series of outreach projects for school and community groups including painting, drawing and print workshops intended to inspire a passion for botanical art and research.

Admission to this ticketed show is free for Saatchi Gallery Members and RHS Members.

Laura C. Uccello, Director of Partnerships at Saatchi Gallery, *“We are thrilled to partner with the RHS to present this internationally recognised exhibition that celebrates contemporary art with an incredibly interesting scientific scope. We are impressed with the high standard of works presented for the 2021 edition and we are delighted to share this unique presentation with our visitors and members this Autumn.”*

Charlotte Brooks, Art Curator at the RHS, *said: “We are excited to showcase some of the world's best botanical art and photography at the Saatchi Gallery and for thousands of art lovers and avid gardeners to be given the opportunity to see their favourite plants in a new light.”*

The show compliments the RHS Lindley Collections of more than 30,000 botanical paintings stretching back to the 1630s and heritage photographic images of gardens and gardening people starting in the 1860s. The botanical art collection continues to grow with the regular addition of Gold medal standard pieces. Botanical art and photography help evidence trends and discoveries of plants popular in UK gardens today with piece available to view throughout the year by appointment with the RHS.

A panel of recognised experts, including leading botanical artists, photographers, teachers, and botanists, judge the exhibits on display, assessing their accuracy, skill, and aesthetic appeal.

For more information about the RHS Botanical Art & Photography Show visit: www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-london-shows/rhs-botanical-art-and-photography-show

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DATES AND OPENING HOURS

Press Preview: 17th September 10AM – 1PM, RSVP: [saatchigallery.com/rhspresspreview](https://www.saatchigallery.com/rhspresspreview)
Open to the public: 18th September – 3rd October 2021
10am – 6pm Wednesday - Sunday (last admission 5.00pm)
Winners announced: Friday 17th September

TICKETS

Pre-sale tickets release: Tuesday 3rd August 2021, www.saatchigallery.com/rhstickets

ADMISSION

From £5, concessions available; under 10s go free (T&Cs apply); Saatchi Gallery & RHS Members go free.

ORGANISATION

The RHS Botanical Art 2021 judging panel secretary is Charlotte Brooks, Art Curator at RHS Lindley Library and the RHS Photographic Competition judging panel secretary Sian Tyrrell, Head of Horticultural Information.

EXHIBITION SUPPORTER

Riverstone, delivering exceptional London living for people over 65, is proud to support the 2021 RHS Botanical Art & Photography Show in partnership with Saatchi Gallery.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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#RHSSaatchiGallery

Instagram, Twitter, TikTok: @saatchi_gallery @the_rhs
Facebook: @saatchigalleryofficial @rhshome

SCHOOL VISITS & COMMUNITY GROUPS

With the generous support of all our patrons, for each major exhibition there are opportunities to engage with creative projects and workshops whether that be in-gallery, virtually, in the classroom or at home. education@saatchigallery.com | +44(0)20 7811 3087

SAFETY MEASURES

The health and safety of visitors and staff is paramount. Safety measures for visitors can be found on the Saatchi Gallery website: www.saatchigallery.com/visit/covid-19-compliance

ABOUT ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (RHS)

The Royal Horticultural Society, the world's leading gardening charity, was founded in 1804 by Sir Joseph Banks and John Wedgwood. Our vision is to enrich everyone's life through plants and make the UK a greener and more beautiful place. This aspiration underpins all that we do, from inspirational gardens and shows, through our scientific research, to our education and community programmes such as Campaign for School Gardening and Britain in Bloom. We produce key publications, hold a world-class collection of horticultural books and botanical art, and sell the very best plants and gardening gifts.

The RHS is fundraising £40m to transform our gardens, outreach, and education facilities, which includes redeveloping our flagship RHS Garden Wisley and opening a new garden, RHS Garden Bridgewater, in 2021. We are solely funded by our members, visitors and supporters. For more information visit: www.rhs.org.uk

ABOUT RIVERSTONE

Riverstone has launched its first two prime London developments for over 65s in the vibrant enclaves of Kensington and Fulham. Designed with a choice of lifestyle options and community in mind, quality of life

and well-being sits at the heart of the Riverstone experience. To learn more about Riverstone Kensington visit: <https://www.riverstoneliving.com/our-locations/riverstone-kensington>

ABOUT SAATCHI GALLERY

Since 1985, Saatchi Gallery has provided an innovative platform for contemporary art. Exhibitions have presented works by largely unseen young artists, or by international artists whose work has been rarely or never exhibited in the UK. This approach has made the Gallery one of the most recognised names in contemporary art. Since moving to its current 70,000 square feet space in the Duke of York's Headquarters in Chelsea, London, the Gallery has welcomed over 10 million visitors. The Gallery hosts over 5,000 schools visits annually and has over 6 million followers on social media. In 2019 Saatchi Gallery became a charity, beginning a new chapter in its history. www.saatchigallery.com

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