

## Recently Discovered George Bellows among Treasures at MASTERPIECE LONDON, featuring 19 US Exhibitors in June

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([ArtfixDaily.com](http://ArtfixDaily.com)) The fourth edition of Masterpiece London is set to captivate collectors, museum curators, and visitors alike with its impressive offering of the world's best and meticulously vetted art, design, jewellery and antiques. The fair brings together 150 of the most distinguished dealers, workshops and galleries from around the world, showcased in a spectacular purpose-built pavilion on the South Grounds of The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London SW3.

Masterpiece London welcomes nineteen US exhibitors to the fair this year, an increase of over 25% from 2012. These include five new galleries: **Leila Heller Gallery** (New York), **Ariadne Galleries** (New York), **Japonesque Inc** (San Francisco), **Long-Sharp Gallery** (Indianapolis) **Todd Merrill and Associates** (New York). Returning exhibitors include: **A La Vieille Russie** (New York), **Collisart LLC** (New York), **Elle Shushan** (Philadelphia), **Fred Leighton** (New York), **Geoffrey Diner Gallery** (Washington DC), **Kentshire Galleries** (New York), **Les Enluminures** (New York), **Michele Beiny** (New York), **The Alexander Gallery** (New York), **The Merrin Gallery Inc** (New York), **Sebastian + Barquet** (New York), **Siegelson** (New York), **Sperone Westwater** (New York) and **The Silver Fund** (San Francisco) These exhibitors, each experts in their fields, join Masterpiece London contribute to a truly international spectrum drawn from 11 different countries, from the west coast of the United States to Europe.

Nazy Vassegh, CEO of Masterpiece London said 'London's art scene has seen major US galleries opening new spaces in the city, reinforcing London's position as an important global art hub. Masterpiece London is perfectly placed during the London art season to give US galleries the opportunity to access collectors and looks forward to offering a more internationally diverse collection of works for visitors to the fair this year.'

The fair's US exhibitors represent several collecting disciplines, each with the finest examples from their respective areas. There are important historic American paintings, exquisite jewels, rare

silver, portrait miniatures, contemporary design and design art, ceramics and antiquities as well as medieval illuminated manuscripts and medieval finger-rings. Blockbuster pieces suitable for museum collections rub shoulders with rare collectors' pieces from the various disciplines. All works will be stringently vetted by a committee of experts before the fair opens, giving buyers every confidence in the provenance, heritage and authenticity of their choice.

**FINE ART:** This is flourishing at Masterpiece London with modern and contemporary works of art being brought to the fair by **Leila Heller Gallery, Sperone Westwater, Long-Sharp Gallery**, and large contemporary works from Japanese artists such as Izumi Masatoshi will be on display by **Japonesque Inc.** Important American works of fine art will be presented by **The Alexander Gallery** and **Collisart LLC** who are bringing a recently discovered George Bellows and a Frederick Church, which have never been shown to the public and perfectly timed to coincide with the recent Royal Academy and National Gallery exhibitions.

**Ele Shushan**, who specialises in American portrait miniatures, will be exhibit a 7cm piece depicting Anna Louisa Blake (An American girl from Charleston, South Carolina) which was painted in 1803 by **Adam Buck**, who was considered the defining artist of Regency Style.

**WATCHES & JEWELLERY:** Masterpiece London continues to build its impressive selection of watch and jewellery exhibitors. **Siegelson** will bring a fine Art Deco clock created by Verger Frères with the movement by Vacheron Constantin and a stunning suite of jewellery by artist Daniel Brush. Notably, **Verdura** will exhibit highlights from their new New York style collection, which celebrates the work of Fulco Di Verdura during his pivotal period in the 1950's and includes stunning pieces inspired by Diana Vreeland, Babe Paley and Linda Porter. Society jeweller and craftsman **Fred Leighton** will unveil pieces which recently caught the eye of Hollywood stars Jennifer Aniston and Meryl Streep, who wore their pieces for the 2013 Oscar's.

**FURNITURE:** The bespoke design of the fair building acts as the perfect showcase for design and furniture dealers; from **Sebastian + Barquet's** latest designs to important pieces of furniture by major designers and craftsmen represented by **Geoffrey Diner Gallery. Kentshire Galleries** will also be showcasing an important George III commode, French grisaille wallpaper screens as well as an Anglo – Indian table, Circa 1830.

**ANTIQUITIES, MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE:** Once again there is a strong representation of works from the ancient, medieval and renaissance world, including new dealer **Ariadne Galleries** who will bring an important Greek marble statue of a Maiden from Circa, 320 BC. The **Merrin Gallery** will show a Jaina figure of a seated male dignitary from Maya, 600-900 AD as well as other Roman and Greek pieces, many of which are dated BC.

**INTERIOR DESIGN:** International dealers working with the finest pieces of contemporary and antique decorative arts exhibit at Masterpiece London making it something of an interior decorator's paradise. This year members of the American Committee including Geoffrey Bradfield, Mario Buatta, Ellie Cullman, Jamie Drake, Audrey Gruss, Susan Gutfreund, Scott Snyder, and Rose Tarlow are once again supporting the fair, and many flew to London last year to purchase sought-after pieces.

The rarity and quality of the pieces for sale make Masterpiece London a truly unmissable event for collectors. With each object on display being a masterpiece in its own right, there really is something to appeal to everyone from seasoned collectors to first time buyers.

Tickets are available from £20 to buy, either from the Masterpiece London website, or at the fair, 27 June – 3 July. The fair opens with a Preview on Wednesday 26 June.