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Leila Heller Gallery is pleased to present

Richard Hudson

At Masterpiece London 2015

25 June – 1 July

South Grounds, The Royal Hospital Chelsea
Chelsea Embankment, London SW3 4LW



Eve, 2010, Polished mirrored steel, H: 98.4 in / 250 cm, Edition 2 of 3 – Courtesy of Sotheby's

"Whatever my materials, bronze, polished mirrored steel, marble, or wood, I want viewers to walk around my work, see the irony and the inviting, tactile surfaces, then walk away with a thousand thoughts." - Richard Hudson

Leila Heller Gallery is pleased to announce that Richard Hudson's monumental sculptures *Adam* (2011) and *Eve* (2010) will be on view at the main entrance of Masterpiece London 2015. This display will be the first time that both sculptures have been exhibited together.

A prolific artist, Hudson creates partially abstracted re-inventions of familiar sculptural tropes. Hudson's hands-on relationship with his diverse materials – most often marble, wood, steel or bronze – produces

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organic, polished work that is at once timeless and contemporary. Exploring the canon of Western sculpture and changing approaches to beauty, Hudson's smooth and sensual sculptures concern not only the fields of art and art history but also psychology, anthropology and philosophy. Hudson's sculptures, which range in size from miniature to monumental, employ exaggeration and even humor to veil underlying essences of form and beauty.

Drawing inspiration from sculptors such as Henry Moore, Jean Arp and Constantin Brancusi, Hudson's refined and dynamic work is frequently emblematic of the human figure. His free imaginations of form, often executed in reflective surfaces that create surreal images of the surrounding environment, frequently hint at interpretation through their titles alone. His sculptures often connote female power, femininity and fertility. *Adam & Eve* will invite Masterpiece visitors to contemplate creation of the universe and mankind itself within the grand surroundings of The Royal Hospital Chelsea on Royal Hospital Road.

Richard Hudson was born in Yorkshire, UK and currently lives and works in Madrid, Spain. His work has been exhibited internationally in the UK, Europe, US, South America, and the Middle East. Past exhibitions include Monumental Sculptures Al Fresco at Great Fosters, UK; Beyond Limits, Sotheby's Chatsworth, UK; Monumental Sculptures, Miami Beach; City of Leeds Public Exhibition, UK; Museum Palau de la Musica de Valencia, Public Exhibition, Spain; and Aire, Centro Cultural Andratx, Mallorca, Spain.

About Leila Heller Gallery

Located in the heart of New York's Chelsea gallery district, Leila Heller Gallery promotes a cutting edge program of international contemporary emerging and mid-career artists. Founded in 1982, the gallery has gained worldwide recognition for being a pioneer in promoting contemporary artists from the Middle East, Central Asia, Southeast Asia and Turkey. The gallery regularly participates in major international art fairs and stages off-site projects as an extension of its curatorial program. In November of 2015, Leila Heller Gallery will open a new space in Dubai. The 16,000 square foot space will be the largest gallery in the Middle East.

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