



## PRESS RELEASE

**Curated at Dorfold Hall, Cheshire**

**British Art Then and Now**

29<sup>th</sup> January – 11 February 2023

Press Preview: 28<sup>th</sup> January, 1 – 3 pm

***Curated at Dorfold: British Art Then and Now*** is a celebration of British Art, taking place at Dorfold Hall in the New Year. Come and enjoy an exhibition in this quintessential British stately home, a Jacobean mansion set in the heart of the English countryside. The elegance and timeless style of Dorfold Hall and its exquisite new event spaces - L'Écurie and the Tack - will provide the most wonderful backdrop for this exhibition. Dating to 1616, Dorfold Hall is known for its intriguing combination of the historic and the contemporary and this will be mirrored by the exhibition. Work by British artists past and present will be placed in this extraordinary setting, integrated with the collection of the current owners and alongside the many historic objects and generations of antiques. We will confirm the full line up of artists in the new year, but can share now that there will be work by Paul Benney, John Craxton, Grayson Perry, Sir Matthew Smith, Keith Vaughan, Jelly Green, Patrick Heron, Nigel Hall, Tom Hammick, Alan Rankle, Sophie Ryder, Rebekah Tuluie and Valeria Nascimento. The paintings, prints, sculpture and ceramics will be placed in response to the beautiful spaces. Spaces that will be used include the dramatic setting of the Drawing room, with its ceiling designed by Italian plasterers in 1621, and the King James Suite, a room that got its name having been designed specifically for King James I in the 1620s. You will also see the Drawing Room, Dining Room and the Coach House, now used also for weddings where an immersive sound and video work by Paul Benney will be hosted which has the soundtrack written and composed by Nitin Sawhney. Whether you are an art lover or not, this exhibition will be a wonderful opportunity to discover the beauty of Dorfold Hall, and some of its hidden spaces. The exhibition is presented with the kind support of TM Lighting [www.tmlighting.com](http://www.tmlighting.com) and Hallet Independent – [www.hallentindependent.com](http://www.hallentindependent.com)

***Candice Roundell, custodian of Dorfold Hall, explains her vision for the exhibition:***

Art is an intrinsic part of the Hall's History, and juxtaposing the historical and the contemporary encompasses perfectly what Charles and I believe reflects our vision to propel the estate into the future whilst enhancing its roots... not only art, but also in architecture and sustainability. Zuleika's artists and their art represent the perfect opportunity for us to illustrate those beliefs. Zuleika Gallery founder, Lizzie Collins, comments: I cannot think of a more elegant or stunning location in

which to hold an exhibition. As a gallery we focus on Modern British and Contemporary art, looking back at historical artists who have shaped British art as well as forward to those shaping the future. It is wonderful to be working with an historic property that also embraces the future and merges the historic with the contemporary. There are so many incredible spaces to curate at the Hall, it is exciting to be working with the visionary team at Dorfold to bring this exhibition together.

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Illustrated

1. Dorfold Hall, Cheshire and
2. Valeria Nascimento, Blossom explosion installation in the drawing room at Dorfold

Venue

Dorfold Hall, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 8LD

[www.dorfold.com](http://www.dorfold.com)

Opening Hours

11 – 4pm daily or by appointment – please contact [camilla@zuleikagallery.com](mailto:camilla@zuleikagallery.com) +44(0) 7719 043763 – to make another arrangement

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About Dorfold Hall

Built between 1616 and 1621, in Cheshire, for an impending visit by King James I, Dorfold Hall has, down the female line, mostly remained in the same family for over 400 years. Each generation has added their own story to the Estate, from glamorous parties and scandalous secrets, to providing a place of refuge for children evacuees and Canadian soldiers during WWII, as well as providing at one time the northwest headquarters for the auctioneer's Christie's. In 2017, at a time when the home was in a state of disrepair and facing a rather gloomy future, Charles and Candice took over the estate, and have gone on to redefine Dorfold, creating a unique world where the present rubs shoulders with the past. Simultaneously honouring its roots while evolving with the times, they have sensitively brought contemporary style to the architecture and interiors. At its core is a beloved family home passed down through the generations. [www.dorfold.com](http://www.dorfold.com)

About Zuleika Gallery

Zuleika Gallery's focus is on Modern British and emerging contemporary art. The gallery was founded in 2015 and held premises in St James's London before moving to Cromwell Place in 2022. In 2020, the gallery opened premises in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, now the gallery headquarters, with a regular exhibition programme. Zuleika offers bespoke art advisory services for private or corporate collectors, using our extensive experience in the art market. We enjoy placing art in the right context, whether public or private, and helping collectors making considered choices - balancing pure visual joy with stimulating ideas, while also inspiring change through art. The gallery is committed to showing art that inspires, and to making art accessible without compromise to quality, working with both the entry level collector and the connoisseur.

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