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StART art fair celebrates a decade at London's iconic Saatchi Gallery.

Saatchi Gallery Duke of York's HQ, King's Rd, London SW3 4RY

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Luxury, 2021, 40 x 40 cm by Cecilia Acevedo

Since its first edition in 2014, StART art fair has become known for bringing the work of lesser-known artistic communities – those ‘starting’ to break into the global consciousness - to both established collectors and those ‘starting’ out on their collecting journey.

Held annually at London's iconic Saatchi Gallery, StART fills all three floors of the gallery with a mix of curated projects, gallery presentations and independent artist exhibitors.

StART 2023 at Saatchi Gallery will this year present its signature array of exhibiting artists and galleries from around the globe, highlights include two Singapore based galleries; Premium Pages and One East Asia whose star artists and power couple Abi Dionisio and Welbart will be at the opening in person, London based Kei, Belgian artist Olivia de Posson and British paper sculptor Lisa Lloyd. Cambridge gallery The Art Hound are presenting “Paint it Black” the art of Rock and Roll featuring a variety of artists including photographer Scarlet Page, daughter of Led Zeppelin's Jimmy.

Projects this year include the Korean globetrotter Doowon LEE who has been taking the international art-world by storm with his naive and sometimes whimsical signature style. In celebration of the King's Coronation together with the Prince's Foundation School of Traditional Arts (PFSTA) more than 55 former MA students who graduated during the past decade will be presented in a large second floor gallery space. A partnership with New Blood Art Gallery will present the StART x New Blood Art Emerging Art Prize and exhibit a showcase of graduate students from art schools across the United Kingdom that have been shortlisted for the prize.

Cork-based painter Ian Brennan's portrait of Lucien Freud's muse and model Sue Tilley will also be on display for sale with a price-tag of one million pounds with the artist vowing to donate the money to Tilley in exchange for her sitting for him to paint her nude one last time, Tilley has been quoted as saying she won't sit nude again for less than £1,000,000. Photographer Marie Jordan returns to StART this year with a new equine series. All of Marie's work is



sold for charity, the main charity being the Hummingbird Initiative, helping remote communities in Kenya achieve their full potential. The monies raised at StART in 2021 have built a school called Nak-Nkiri Primary. Official Team GB artist Ben Mosely will be live painting a mural during the week of the fair.

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Notes to Editors:

About START Art Fair:

Since its founding in 2014 by David and Serenella Ciclitira, StART art fair has helped to springboard the careers of many emerging artists from around the globe. In 2022 over 15,000 people came to explore its showcase of 100 emerging and established artists, hailing from countries including South Africa, Ecuador, Portugal, Colombia, India, Austria, Korea, Thailand and Ireland, providing collectors and art enthusiasts alike with the opportunity to discover the most exciting works from both established and developing global markets. To complement the fair, 2021 saw the launch of a new art e-commerce platform StART.art, as well as a series of pop-up selling exhibitions called StART+. The inaugural StART+ opened in Knightsbridge, November 2021, followed by Cape Town in March 2022, Seoul South Korea, December 2022, Mexico City in partnership with eco racing brand Formula E in January 2023 to mention a few. The first StART art fair Seoul opened at the Litenum in the fashionable Sung Dong Gu district, running 31 August-6 September 2022. Plans for additional local and international pop-up exhibitions and events are planned for 2024 and beyond.

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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 thousands of 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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