

A Fairytale Christmas Art Show for a truly family Christmas

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Christmas Art Exhibition "Once Upon a Time" by the Italian artist Antonio Nocera
16 December - 23 January 2009 - La Galleria Pall Mall, 30 Royal Opera Arcade

The World of fairy tales in the artworks of the Italian artist Antonio Nocera is the theme of the Christmas Show at La Galleria Pall Mall, works based on the fables of Pulcinella, Pinocchio, Red Riding Hood, Puss in Boots, Cinderella and more...

Antonio Nocera - has brought to life the fairytales we all remember from our own childhood in this exhibition. The puppet Pinocchio, Alice in Wonderland, Snow White, all contain something which is much deeper, the mystery of metamorphosis, of weakness that transforms into strength, of oppression that is won over by the oppressed, of poverty that is transformed into abundance, the frog into Prince Charming.

Fairy tales bring children and adults closer to the real world and encourage and stimulate fantasy and interactivity, two magic elements that should not be missing in an exhibition. Fairy tales are essential for growth and life, poetic metaphors to discover and understand the mysteries of life. Antonio Nocera invites us to penetrate the enchanted forest of our personal certainties. Fairy tales are carriers of a culture which reach us from a distant oral and verbal tradition.

The show includes more than 60 works of lithographs, fine art limited print editions, large paintings and bronzes. The exhibition is an invitation to reflect on the times we live in and how with our current priorities we risk losing for ever an essential part of our soul, that of the enchanted forests, of the animals of the adventure.

The exhibition has been shown in Italy promoted and sponsored by the Italian Senate in the former Juvenile Correction Centre St Michele in Rome and in the Royal Palace in Naples.

The London Exhibition is the first opportunity to purchase the artworks from this unique show and artist.

Antonio Nocera – born in Naples in 1949 graduated from the Naples Academy of Fine Art in painting and sculpture, Nocera has been a professional artist for 40 years, his love for Pinocchio lead him to illustrate two books for The Collodi Foundation. Today he lives between Paris and Rome.

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Press Meeting for interviews with the artist – Monday 15th Dec at 4pm

Preview Exhibition Cocktail on Dec 16th at 6.30-9 pm

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