



media information

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■ **'Art, Design and A Taste of Summer' at Blenheim Palace 29th - 31st May**

The Art, Design and a Taste of Summer is hosting a vibrant show of some of the UK's finest contemporary artists this May Bank Holiday at Blenheim Palace. This show features contemporary Art and Design together with mouth-watering specialist food and drink, including some of the finest artists, craftsmen, designers and food producers from across the UK, eager to share the passion they have for their work. The stunning location set against the backdrop of Blenheim Palace, including live demonstrations and have-a-go activities make it the perfect day out for all the family.

Art and Design

Enjoy around one hundred talented designer-makers with a vast selection of exquisite artwork, precious jewellery, sculpture, stained glass, ceramics and photography, to name just a few! Highlights include a Sculpture Trail, a new Emerging Designers Pavilion, demonstrations and the opportunity to 'Have- a-go' in art and craft activity workshops. Fine handmade jewellery, superb ceramics, art and textiles; stunning photography, sculpture, glass and much more will be on display. There will be opportunities to discuss the work with the makers and even commission something special. Workshops and lectures for all ages and abilities will be available from experts in their field for those wishing to try their hand at a new skill. Joining the Emerging Designers Pavilion and new for 2011 is the Craft and Design Pavilion, celebrating Craft and Design month this May.

A Taste of Summer

A Taste of Summer will be showcasing some of the best national and regional producers of food and drink. A new exciting feature for 2011 is an emporium of gourmet delights “The Great Taste Market” where you can sample Great Taste Gold Award winning foods and drinks. Under one roof, you’ll find a veritable emporium of gourmet delights, everyone one of which has been independently judged in the UK’s largest independent food and drink awards and have been graded with gold. Soak up the convivial atmosphere, meet the producers and enjoy some simply amazing food. The Rangemaster Cookery Theatre with top chefs unlock the secrets of their favourite recipes; delight in all things chocolate in the Chocolate Heaven pavilion, whilst tutored wine tasting will give tips on choosing the best wines for the summer.

Atmosphere & Entertainment

Listen to the summery sounds of a steel band and to cool tones of jazz, all combining to make for a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. Enjoy a delicious lunch and soak up the wonderful surroundings of Blenheim Palace with 2000 acres of beautiful parkland. Your ticket for the show includes access to the Formal Gardens including the fragrant Rose Garden, the Secret Garden, the great lake, fountains and over 2000 acres of parkland designed by 'Capability' Brown. Families can enjoy access to the Pleasure Gardens, where you can ride on the narrow gauge railway, see famous hedge maze and Adventure Play Area, witness the colourful exotic butterflies, flying freely in the butterfly house.

For more information about Blenheim Palace call 0800 849 6500 (24 hour recorded information) or visit www.blenheimpalace.com

Editor’s Notes

- The show is open daily from 10am to 5pm
- Advance tickets are available www.blenheimpalace.com or contact Bradsons Tel: 0845 2305176
- Tickets for the Art ,Design and a Taste of Summer are included within the Park & Gardens
- Advance ticket prices: Adult £9.00, Senior £6.50, Child £4.00, Family £24.00
- On the day: Adult £11.00, Senior £8.00, Child £5.50 and Family £28.00
- Group rates, Family & combined Event/Palace tickets also available
- Blenheim Palace and Formal Gardens are open until 16th December 2011
- The Park opens at 9am, the Formal Gardens at 10am and the Palace and Pleasure Gardens from 10.30am.

- ‘Blenheim Palace: The Untold Story’, guided tours of State Rooms and family tours are included within the Palace, Park and Gardens ticket price.
- Guided tours are not available on Sundays or bank holidays when a free-flow system is in place.
- Child age 5-16 inclusive. Under 5’s free.



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