



CYNTHIA CORBETT GALLERY
& **Young Masters**
presents

WINTER/SPRING 2025 PROGRAMME

*Celebrating over 20 years at the forefront of supporting
emerging artists inspired by the art of the past*

YOUNG MASTERS: FOR THE LOVE OF ART HISTORY

THE EXHIBITIONIST HOTEL, SOUTH KENSINGTON, LONDON, 16 JANUARY - 8 APRIL 2025



Thomas Macgregor - *The Best Men*, 2022.
Oil on Canvas.

The exhibition ***For the Love of Art History*** at The Exhibitionist Hotel in South Kensington, London, brings together artists from across the globe to reinterpret one of humanity's most profound emotions – love - through the lens of art history. This celebration honours diverse cultural legacies and acknowledges the rich, multifaceted traditions that have shaped the visual arts. While iconic works such as Klimt's *The Kiss* and Giotto's depiction of Joachim and Anna have captured enduring moments of romantic love, this exhibition also seeks to challenge traditional narratives by inviting contemporary artists to explore love in its many forms: platonic, religious, passionate, or devotional. It underscores art's unique capacity to express this universal emotion while celebrating a broader,

more inclusive vision of art history. The exhibition also highlights the importance of representation in visual art, providing a platform for underrepresented voices and stories, broadening the dialogue to include non-heteronormative and non-Western perspectives. These works seek to normalize diverse identities and relationships, addressing gaps in art history while amplifying voices often overlooked. This inclusive approach ensures that love, in all its complexity and beauty, is celebrated as a truly universal human experience, reflecting the evolving and diverse narratives of contemporary art.

Our 2025 awards feature the **Young Masters Woman Artist Prize**, given by Dr. Chris Blatchley and judged by him and prominent collector and philanthropist Lady Jill Shaw Ruddock, CBE. Additionally, the exhibition will include an **Acquisition Award** for the second consecutive year, from Brad Blume, art collector and President of the Rudolph Blume Foundation. The 2025 Edition has also been generously supported by the Kirsh Foundation.

ABOUT YOUNG MASTERS

The Young Masters Art Prize is a not-for-profit international curatorial platform and art initiative, founded in 2009 by gallerist Cynthia Valianti Corbett, owner of Cynthia Corbett Gallery. This unique initiative aims to highlight emerging artists of any gender, age, or nationality, working in any media. Young Masters celebrates artistic skill and innovation, with awareness of the Old Masters and art of the past. We strive to offer talented artists global visibility and support.



Kelsey Shultis - *Pansy*, 2024.
Oil on linen stretched over panel.

CYNTHIA CORBETT GALLERY AT COLLECT 2025

SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, 28 FEBRUARY - 2 MARCH 2025

Known for championing innovative and boundary-pushing artists, the gallery will present an extraordinary curation of works at Collect 2025, highlighting intricate narratives while celebrating materiality and cultural heritage. Among the highlights is the debut of Matt Smith's poignant project, *The Sad and Melancholy Tale of Gustavus Guydickens 1730-1802*, which draws from his acclaimed exhibition *Untold Lives* at Kensington Palace. Through a series of evocative plates, Smith delves into the untold story of Gustavus Guydickens, a Gentleman Usher in Queen Charlotte's court, exploring themes of historical marginalization and personal resilience. Cynthia Corbett Gallery will also present the groundbreaking works of Young Masters Art Prize artists including Jemma Gowland, Emilie Taylor, SaeRi Seo and Carolyn Tripp. Additionally, the gallery will be showcasing a new series by 2023 Highly Commended Maylis Grand Ceramics Prize artist Ebony Russell. The series reimagines the iconic Portland Vase through a contemporary lens, showcasing her technical mastery and imaginative approach. Together, these artists and others exemplify the gallery's dedication to celebrating diversity and pushing the boundaries of contemporary craft.



Matt Smith, *Untold Lives, THE SAD AND MELANCHOLY TALE OF GUSTAVUS GUYDICKENS 1730-1802*, 2023. Handpainted earthenware, cobalt, glazed, gold lustre. **COLLECT 2025**

Our **US Programme in 2025** promises to bring an exceptional array of international

contemporary art to collectors and enthusiasts across the country. The gallery will participate in **Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary** (20-23 March 2025), presenting a dynamic and varied curation that celebrates Women's History Month with works by an inspiring roster of international artists. This thoughtfully curated selection highlights innovation, heritage, and the diverse voices of women in art.

In April, the gallery will return for its fifth edition at the prestigious **Expo Chicago** (24-27 April 2025). This year's presentation will feature stunning new works by our established artists alongside fresh works from special guest artists in the acclaimed Young Masters Art Prize Programme. Expo Chicago 2025 is set to be a landmark moment for the gallery, showcasing its commitment to artistic excellence and fostering dialogue between tradition and contemporary perspectives.



Ebony Russell - *Suspiciously Beautiful: OXO Openwork*, 2023. Porcelain and Stain. **COLLECT 2025**

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Andy Burgess - *Paraty House, Brazil, 2024*, Acrylic on Canvas. **Expo Chicago 2025**

Young Masters: For the Love of Art History, 16 January - 8 April 2025

The Exhibitionist Hotel, 8-10 Queensberry Pl, South Kensington, London, SW7 2EA

16 January 2025 - Young Masters Private View Artist Reception 6-9pm

13 February 2025 - Valentine's Eve YM Benefit Jazz Concert 6.30-9pm

6.30-9pm 5 April 2025 - Finissage with Tea 3-6pm

Cynthia Corbett Gallery at COLLECT 2025, 28 February - 2 March 2025

Stand EMB11, Somerset House, London, WC2R 1LA

Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary, 20-23 March 2025

Palm Beach County Convention Center

650 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

EXPO Chicago, 24-27 April 2025

Navy Pier in the Festival Hall | 600 E Grand Ave, Chicago IL 60611

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