

PRESS RELEASE



The Conway St Gallery

REBECCA HOSSACK

ART GALLERY

THE REBECCA HOSSACK ART GALLERY CELEBRATES ITS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW CENTRAL LONDON GALLERY SPACE.

On 18 March 2008 the Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery will be twenty years old. The occasion will be marked by an opening-party for the gallery's magnificent new exhibition space - a three-floor building at 2a Conway Street, just off Fitzroy Square.

Rebecca Hossack opened her first art gallery in Fitzrovia, in the heart of London, in March 1988, and a second three years later. Since then the galleries have built an international reputation for innovation, individuality, energy and excellence.

'Boldness is sometimes rewarded...Rebecca Hossack's are amongst the few galleries [from the late Eighties] which have not only survived but thrived, and they have done so because they do not depend on the ephemeral thrills of trendy art.' **The Economist**

The gallery has been a great champion of Non-Western artistic traditions. It was the first art gallery in Europe to exhibit Australian aboriginal painting, and continues to promote it through its regular *Songlines* seasons. Rebecca Hossack has also curated important exhibitions of work by the African Bushmen, from Papua New Guinea, and from tribal India. Much of this art would simply not have been seen in the UK but for the RHAG.

*'Two people are largely responsible for bringing awareness of Aboriginal culture to this country: the late swashbuckling bisexual writer Bruce Chatwin, in his magical book *Songlines*, and the Australian art dealer Rebecca Hossack.'*
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The Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery also exhibits across the broad spectrum of Western Contemporary Art, while determinedly moving against some of the dominant currents of the modern art scene. Through the work of painters such as Alasdair Wallace, Helen Flockhart, David Whitaker, Alexander McKenzie, and David Bromley, of the collagist Peter Clark, the sculptor Lucy Casson, the ceramicist Ann Stokes, the jeweller Pippa Small, the gallery celebrates and promotes inclusiveness, individuality, spirit, innovation, technical accomplishment and beauty.

'Rebecca Hossack's success is earned the hard way, because she has chosen, typically, to proceed via the most difficult route, taking on previously little know artists rather than established names.

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Through its commitment to the individual artistic vision the Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery has attracted a dedicated following, including Sir Paul Smith, Bruce Chatwin, P.J. Harvey, John Hegley, Peter Gabriel, Dave Gilmour, Griff Rhys Jones, Emma Hope, and Anita Roddick.

The Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery regularly collaborates with – and sells to - public galleries and institutions. It has worked recently on exhibitions with the British Museum, the Bristol City Art Gallery, the Harrogate Art Gallery, the Horniman Museum, London, Leicester City Art Galleries, and the De Young Museum, San Francisco.

The inaugural exhibition at the Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery, 2a Conway Street, will be *PRIME*, a retrospective survey show of gallery-artists from the last two decades. It will run from 19 March to 5 April.

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