



## Press Release

### Contemporary Art at RHS Chelsea 2011

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) in partnership with Andipa Contemporary Gallery announce the commissioning of artist Hugo Dalton to create an exclusive work for the 2011 RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

The 20 metre by four metre mural entitled 'Constructed Nature' comprises drawings Dalton sketched in The Chelsea Physic Garden and the National Army Museum. The hand-painted mural, to be completed on site the week before the show, will be displayed at the end of Eastern Avenue and create a stunning feature for those entering from Royal Hospital Road. The concept behind Dalton's canvas is to make a work that plays on the juxtaposition between the constructed nature of the flower show and the perceived permanence of the show gardens. When the show is over, key sections will be available to buy through Andipa Contemporary with a portion of proceeds to be donated to the RHS.

Claire Mander of Andipa Contemporary comments "I am delighted that Hugo Dalton, a highly accomplished artist, much of whose work explores the delicacy, systems and strength of the flower and its relationship to the constructed world, has found a perfect match in this commission with an institution he has long admired."

Hugo Dalton graduated with First Class Honours from Goldsmith's College. His recent commissions include: for Barney's New York, Derwent London and a set for Christopher Wheeldon's work at Sadler's Wells. His work has many high-profile collectors including Kay Saatchi and the Today Art Museum Beijing.

The RHS welcomes this new visual experience which will add to the overall diversity of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The presence of designers, horticulturists, supporting industries and now contemporary art, demonstrates the eclectic nature of the show. This commission will be the first in a series of collaborations exploring the creative crossover between contemporary art, horticulture, garden design and textiles.

Alex Denman, Chelsea Show Manager says "Every year we strive to add new content to RHS Chelsea Flower Show and push boundaries to enhance the

visitor experience. This beautiful artwork is in the perfect setting for the world's best gardening event and we are delighted to be working with such a talented young artist. "

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**Notes to editors:**

Further works by Hugo Dalton will be on show at Andipa Gallery as part of the group exhibition *The Secret Language of Flowers*: a selling exhibition showcasing works by eight contemporary artists who examine fresh approaches to an age-old theme: the flower in art.

On show from 12 May to 6 June 2011, coinciding with the RHS Chelsea Flower Show – a stone's throw from the gallery – the exhibition will present an exciting array of works from artists who have exhibited at pre-eminent institutions including; Tate Modern, Tate Britain, Guggenheim Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum. Andipa Contemporary is also proud to announce that the internationally renowned performance artist Lynn Lu will be performing a specially commissioned piece conceived in response to *The Secret Language of Flowers*, 2.00pm to 5.00pm Saturday 21 May 2011.

***Andipa Gallery:***

Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9:30am – 6.00pm, Saturday 11.00am – 6.00pm

Andipa Gallery, 162 Walton Street, London, SW3 2JL Tel: 020 7589 2371

[www.andipa.com](http://www.andipa.com)

Closest tube stations: Knightsbridge and South Kensington

Hugo Dalton, Eliza Tan, Curator of Special Projects and Claire Mander, Head of Contemporary, are available for interviews.

To receive further information please contact Rosa Attwood, Head of Press at [press@andipa.com](mailto:press@andipa.com).

***The Royal Horticultural Society:***

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Photographs of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show are available to download at [www.picselect.com](http://www.picselect.com) (register online free of charge).

**The RHS Chelsea Flower Show, 24-28 May 2011**

24–25 May, RHS members only

26–28 May, RHS members and non-members

Venue: The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London, SW3

Tickets have sold out.

RHS show information: 020 7649 1885 or [www.rhs.org.uk/chelsea](http://www.rhs.org.uk/chelsea)