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Women in Art Fair 2026 Returns to London with Powerful Programme Championing Women Artists, Major Art Prizes, & Creative Health Day

London, UK – May 2026 — Women in Art Fair (WIAF), the UK's leading fair dedicated exclusively to women artists, returns to OXO Gallery, London, from 7–10 May 2026 for its fourth edition, bringing together a dynamic programme of exhibitions, awards, and events designed to address the ongoing imbalance in the global art market.

At a time when women represent over half of practicing artists yet account for less than 10% of global auction sales, WIAF continues to provide a vital platform for visibility, opportunity, and equity.

The 2026 edition will showcase a curated selection of emerging and established artists, connecting them with collectors, galleries, and institutions in an intimate and engaging setting. Approximately 600 Open Call applicants were whittled down to 80 for this year's Women in Art Fair. Their work presents a fascinating 'picture' of contemporary art at this moment in time.

Selection Committee Leading the Fair

WIAF 2026 is guided by an esteemed Selection Committee led by curator, art dealer, and cultural strategist, Virginia Damtsa; including Christian Levett - founder of Femmes Artistes du Musée de Mougins (FAMM); Batia Offer – former Chair of the Royal Academy Trust; Brigitta Freund – interior designer; artist & protégée of Tracy Emin, Vanessa Raw. The selection process is conducted through a blind review focusing on originality, technical strength, and storytelling.

Supporting Talent: WIAF 2026 Prizes

At the heart of Women in Art Fair is a commitment not only to showcase artists, but to actively support and elevate their careers. Our prize programme plays a vital role in recognising outstanding talent and providing meaningful opportunities for artists to gain visibility, mentorship, and professional development at a crucial stage in their journey. We are proud to present a series of awards that celebrate emerging artistic talent while creating tangible pathways for future growth. We are deeply grateful to our partners and sponsors whose generosity and belief in our mission make these opportunities possible.

A highlight of this year's programme is The Christian Levett WIAF Prize, created in partnership with renowned collector and museum Director of FAMM Christian Levett. This award recognises artistic achievement, with the added opportunity for his selected 'One to Watch' artist to be promoted on Levett's personal platform — offering invaluable international exposure.

In addition, the Young Masters Prize will provide mentorship for three selected artists, supporting their development and guiding them through the next stage of their careers. The Hunger Magazine Prize offers a unique and high-profile opportunity, with the winner being photographed for the front cover of the magazine, alongside editorial exposure that connects artists to a global audience. Together, these prizes reflect WIAF's dedication to nurturing talent, building careers, and ensuring that artists are not only seen — but supported.

Creative Health & Wellbeing Day – Saturday 9 th May 10.30am – 5.30am

This year WIAF will host a Creative Health & Wellbeing Day on Saturday 9 May, partnered Crystal Clear Holistic Health Ltd. This dedicated programme explores the vital relationship between art, creativity and health through a series of panel discussions, workshops and restorative practices. Highlights include a panel on Why Art? Why Creativity? featuring Daisy Fancourt, June Mineyama-Smithson, Jacqueline Harvey and Sadie Clayton, alongside yoga, sound therapy, creative workshop with Emmi Salonen and a book signing. The event reflects a growing recognition of creativity as an essential tool for supporting wellbeing in an increasingly fast-paced, technology-driven world.

A Platform for Change

Founded in 2017, WIAF is a Community Interest Company, reinvesting in artist opportunities and cultural programming.

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Enfold by angela reilly, oil on canvas



Boundary by Judy Clarkson, oil on canvas

Editors notes

Women in Art Fair is dedicated to redressing the gender imbalance in the art industry. Founded in 2023, WIAF's mission is to create a positive global platform from which female artists, curators and gallerists are given an opportunity to show their work and contribute to the developing exchange of ideas around gender, sexuality and culture.

OXO Gallery

Oxo Tower Wharf is an award-winning mixed-use building, home to a creative community of designer-maker studios and showrooms, gallery and event spaces, shops, and cafes all at the heart of London's South Bank and Bankside. Right on the riverside, visitors can browse, buy and commission from independent small businesses ranging from fine jewellery, luxury ceramics to neon lighting, leather goods and much more, in addition to fine dining at the world-famous roof top restaurant. The iconic building with its famous art deco tower is owned and managed by Coin Street, a local social enterprise creating a thriving, diverse, and welcoming place for people to live, work and play. Visit: www.coinstreet.org | Instagram: @oxotowerwharf

Women in Art Fair

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Opening Hours

Thursday 7 May: 11am – 6pm

Friday 8 May: 11am – 6pm

Saturday 9 May: 11am – 6pm

Sunday 10 May: 11am – 5pm



Daughters "Secret Summer" by Sachiko Shimojo, oil on canvas



Hello boys by Ruth Swain, oil on canvas