

**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **CIVIL AND PUBLIC SERVANTS TO SHOW OFF THEIR CREATIVE SIDE**

### **ART EXHIBITION AT THE BANQUETING HOUSE**

Back in 1930, a group of artists employed in the public sector came together to form an association to advance the artistic education and promote the work of artists employed or formerly employed in the civil and public services, and to bring that work to the widest possible audience. Now known as Civil and Public Service Artists, the association continues to foster artistic creativity, notably through a residential spring painting week and an annual exhibition of original paintings, sculpture and pottery. Members are mainly drawn from departments and agencies right across the civil and public services, both serving and retired, setting standards of the highest quality.

This year's exhibition – the 71st – will be opened by the association's president Sir Hugh Taylor KCB, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health, and will once again be held in the undercroft of Whitehall's Banqueting House, exactly below the place where Charles I was executed in 1649. It is generously supported by the Civil Service Insurance Society.

A preview, by invitation, will be held on the evening of 3 August (from 5.30 pm) and the exhibition will then continue until the 12th. Awards are presented in various categories, judged this year by Ms Linda Sutton MA (RCA). Entrance is free and most of the exhibits are available for purchase. It is an occasion both to savour and astonish.

A catalogue is enclosed.

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