

Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of the City of London
Livery Committee

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Overnight in Leeds for private viewing, talk and dinner with the artist
Thursday to Friday 20th & 21st January 2022.



Giles Walker is a British artist who makes scrap material into robotic works of art which hold a mirror up to society. His work has been shown at the V&A and the Science Museum, London, in Europe and the USA.

monster, his latest work was shown to great acclaim in London in 2020, but time-limited due to COVID.

The Leeds showing provides a rare chance to walk through and experience this enormous, challenging, and thought-provoking installation. This will be a unique event, an exclusive viewing with the opportunity to hear more from Giles about over drinks and dinner.

Leeds has a fine civic centre and is notable, among many attractions, for its atmospheric glazed Victorian shopping arcades and markets. Thanks to its notable arts scene, galleries and festivals, The Times newspaper in 2017 selected Leeds as the best cultural place to live in Britain.

Programme

Thursday 20th January

- 3.00pm Hotels check-in open – your choice of city centre hotel close to railway station
- 6.30pm Meet in Café Pacific, Queens Hotel, for taxis to the Left Bank Leeds Centre
- 7.30pm Private viewing, followed by talk and drinks with the artist
- 8.30pm Transport to dinner venue in downtown Leeds
- 9.00pm Dinner with the artist

Friday 21st January

Morning visit to Leeds Art Gallery and adjacent Henry Moore Institute.

- A trip to nearby historic Harewood House may be organised as an optional extra, subject to demand.

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Transport: Leeds railway station is in the city centre and just over 2 hours express journey from London King's Cross. The city centre hotels do not have car parks as a rule but offer discounted 24 hours rates at nearby parking garages. The Left Bank Leeds centre is circa 2 miles from Leeds train station, close to Headingley.

Accommodation: Participants to make their own arrangements. Hotel rooms should be booked as soon as possible as demand is high. Here are some suggestions among the many city centre hotels within easy walking distance of Leeds railway station:

The Queens Hotel: Iconic, 2021 refurbished Art Deco hotel with direct entrance from station. We will convene here in the Café Pacific at the hotel entrance for transport to Left Bank Leeds. "Classic" rooms may be preferable to the perhaps overly "Cosy" rooms.

Quebecs Hotel: Independently owned Grade II listed 4 star luxury boutique hotel, with elegant Victorian lounges and spacious guest rooms. Quebecs is a two minute walk from the station and virtually across the road from The Queens Hotel.

Radisson Blu Hotel: Highly rated, competitively priced hotel, only 7 minutes walk from Leeds Railway station and The Queens Hotel. Excellent location by the Headrow - the main shopping street, close to the historic Victorian quarter and several art galleries.

Dress Code: Casual comfort

Price £85 per person includes:

Giles Walker exhibition (including donation, drinks, transport to and from hotel) and three course dinner with wine.

Expressions of interest: Please email eithnemacmahon@gmail.com with any questions or to register your interest if you are not yet able to commit.

The deadline for bookings is Wednesday 5th January.

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Booking:

To reserve one or more places please **complete this form** and return with your payment.

Email to eithnemacmahon@gmail.com either attaching the completed form or copying the relevant text into the body of your email message, and pay by bank transfer.

If you wish to pay by cheque please post the completed form together with your cheque to Dr Alan Collett, Hornbeam Cottage, New Road, Blakeney, NR25 7NZ.

Please reserve place(s) for me @**£85 per person**.

Either I shall pay by bank transfer:

‘WSA Livery Committee’, Sort Code: 40-46-08; Account no: 92018829

Please reference with: your surname and **monster**

Or I enclose my cheque for £

Please make payable to ‘WSA Livery Committee’

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name Guest

Address:

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Email:

Mobile No:

*Please state any special dietary requirements for each guest:

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Please mention whether you are interested in the optional extra of a trip to Harewood House on Friday 21st January 2021

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All applications and receipts of money will be acknowledged.