



Buy

Art

Fair

Manchester
27 - 29 Oct
2017

Setting the scene for the next ten years

- **Buy Art Fair and the Manchester Contemporary secure world class venue.**
- **Bold move for tenth edition applauded by cultural heavyweights.**
- **New dates 27-29 October 2017.**

Buy Art Fair, which has sold over £3m of contemporary art to thousands of collectors across the North of England, celebrates its tenth edition with a move to Manchester Central.

With increased space and room to grow, the new location in the heart of one of Europe's most exciting cultural destinations will allow Buy Art Fair and The Manchester Contemporary to drive the North's art market forward for years to come.

Why Manchester Central?

- Manchester city region has a population of 3m, with 7m people within 1 hour and 21.5m within 2 hours.
- Iconic city landmark for over 130 years.
- Onsite carparking for over 700 cars.
- Free WiFi for exhibitors and visitors.
- Dedicated Metrolink tram stop.

“ It's been great to see Buy Art Fair develop over the last few years, and Manchester Central is the perfect venue to move up to the big league. It is what the city needs.

Frank Cohen, 'World's Top 200 Art Collector'

“ Buy Art Fair and the Manchester Contemporary have become significant fixtures in Manchester's cultural calendar and the move will allow them to make an even greater impact on the Manchester cultural scene.

Maria Balshaw, Director, The Whitworth

“ The last weekend in October is a busy one for Manchester's attractions, shops and restaurants, and Buy Art Fair will undoubtedly add to the buzz on the streets.

Vaughan Allen, CEO, CityCo

“Culture in the North is our passion”

Thom Hetherington

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Thom Hetherington, CEO and Founder

Buy Art Fair sits at the heart of an ongoing strategy for developing arts in the North. Fair CEO and founder, Thom Hetherington, has become one of the leading cultural figures in the region, and has recently been appointed as a trustee

of Manchester Art Gallery, in addition to his board role at Castlefield Gallery.

Thom has also consulted for the Manchester International Festival, discussed arts engagement on BBC Breakfast with Clare Lilley from Yorkshire Sculpture Park and artist David Shrigley, contributed to artist Ghislaine Howard's book 'The Human Touch', and is a judge for this year's New Light Art Prize. He was named 'Cultural Icon' in the Manchester Evening News City Life awards 2016.



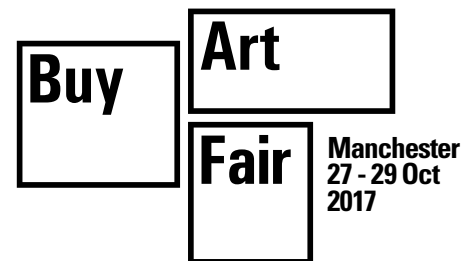
Manchester Central

Manchester Central is an award-winning venue in the heart of one of Europe's most vibrant cities. Its vaulted arches and station clock have made Manchester Central an iconic city feature for over 130 years. Surrounded by a vibrant cultural and social scene, the venue is easy to reach thanks to Manchester's extensive transport network. The city region is home to an array of cultural attractions, galleries and museums combined with an impressive mix of bars, restaurants and theatres.

Exciting Plans Ahead





Launched in 2008, Buy Art Fair has had an exciting first ten years including a charity auction of Damian Hirst doodles, the development of The Manchester Contemporary and its collector programme, and live painting by artists such as Pure Evil.

Last year saw an exclusive interview with world famous collector Frank Cohen, as well as record art sales including works by Tracy Emin and Grayson Perry. Plans for 2017 include the second Masterpiece charity dinner at the Whitworth and the launch of the Buy Art Fair fringe, with affiliated events and initiatives spilling out across the whole city.



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