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***BRAFA 2021 in the Galleries -
129 exhibitions across 14 countries and 38 cities***

**From Brussels to Nagoya, Amsterdam, Barcelona, and Geneva by way of London,
Milan, Munich, Moscow, Paris, and New York**



Picture didier Claes Gallery

There is no denying that the invitation that the international art fair BRAFA's Board committee extended at the end of October to participate in '*BRAFA in the Galleries*', its alternative 'fair', was met with much interest. A total of 129 galleries confirmed their participation in the subsequent weeks. As such, 129 exhibitions will be organized in 14 countries and 38 cities, for the most part in their dedicated gallery spaces.

The premise of the event is to invite the galleries that had confirmed for BRAFA 2021 to develop exhibitions in their own galleries of the works that they had selected for the fair. They can then invite their customers, in strict compliance with the current Covid-19 measures to visit in person. Our hope is that this will re-establish the pleasure of direct contact between dealers, collectors and works of art, at the end of a long period during which we were deprived of many of these precious and irreplaceable exchanges. The last few months have indeed been punctuated by cancellations, postponements or online versions of countless events. Today the art market feels a tremendous need to gradually reconnect with some measure of regained freedom.

An initiative that revolves around gallery exhibitions

Unlike other art fair initiatives relying solely on digital communication support, 'BRAFA in the Galleries' is developed around the galleries, at the galleries. The BRAFA website has been adapted for this period to promote and communicate this new activity.

There will be 129 exhibitions in total hosted by the participating galleries, eleven of which will be joining BRAFA's ranks for the first time, namely the galleries Artimo Fine Arts (Brussels), Arts et Autographes (Paris), Dr. Lennart Booij Fine Arts & Rare Items (Amsterdam), Hadjer (Paris), Nao Masaki (Nagoya), Jordi Pascual (Barcelona), São Roque - Antiguidades e Galeria de Arte (Lisbon), Tenzing Asian Art (San Francisco), Van der Meij Fine Arts (Amsterdam), Maurice Verbaet (Knokke), and Waddington Custot (London).



Pictures top, left: Patrick De Brock Gallery / right: Cortesi Gallery
Pictures below, left: Galerie de la Présidence / right : DIE GALERIE

Variations on the same theme

All the exhibitions will open for the **same dates and times**, including a preview on Wednesday 27 January 2021 from 2 pm until 9 pm, after which they will remain open from Thursday 28 January through to Sunday 31 January from 11 am until 6 pm, with the exception of the eleven galleries in **Knokke-Heist** that have chosen dates and opening times adapted to the specificities of this seaside resort (Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 January 2021 and Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 February 2021, from 11 am until 6 pm).

In the vast majority of all cases, the exhibitions will take place in the **participants' respective galleries**, regardless of whether they manage one or several galleries. In some cases, a different approach was taken.

Some dealers have chosen to **mount joint exhibitions with a colleague or colleagues**. This is the case in Knokke-Heist where Véronique Bamps will exhibit at Berko Fine Paintings; in Brussels where Jean Lemaire and Francis Janssens van der Maelen will exhibit at Costermans & Pelgrims de Bigard, Dr. Lennart Booij Fine Arts & Rare Items at Huberty & Breyne, and the members of the CLAM (*Chambre Professionnelle belge de la Librairie Ancienne et moderne, the Belgian Antiquarian Booksellers Association*) at the Claude Van Loock and Le Tout Venant galleries. De Jonckheere and Whitford Fine Art, meanwhile, haven selected **special locations**

in Brussels, just like Gokelaere & Robinson (in addition to their gallery in Knokke-Heist), as well as the Milan-based Repetto Gallery. Finally, in addition to exhibiting in their Paris galleries, Univers du Bronze and Brame & Lorenceau will also host an exhibition in Brussels, at a temporary address for the first and at La Patinoire Royale - Galerie Valérie Bach, for the second.

The website as a back-up

The revamped BRAFA website, which contains all the information visitors need, serves as a support platform for this initiative. Each participant will have their own personal page, on which they can show up to nine artworks (three at the time of writing in addition to another six works which will be posted online on 27 January 2021) with complete descriptions, contact details, the address(es) of the exhibition as well as a map(s) and a personal and original video that was especially developed for the occasion by those gallery owners who were interested in adding this feature. Visitors can download PDF maps for the main cities where a large number of the galleries are concentrated (Brussels, Paris, London, Geneva, Antwerp, Knokke...) to ensure that they can visit them all. Finally, the four conferences that were scheduled for Thursday 28, Friday 29, Saturday 30 and 31 January 2021 at 6 pm will be live streamed on the website.

Harold t’Kint de Roodenbeke, BRAFA’s President said: *“These past few months were a potent reminder of how important direct and personal contact is in our relations. Between a collector and a work of art, between a buyer and a dealer. Our trade is profoundly human because it is founded on emotion first and foremost. We hope that this initiative can re-establish this link, in an environment and under conditions that respect the measures in force in the various countries. More than anything else, ‘BRAFA in the Galleries’ was created in support of our galleries. We are pleased to note that so many of them share our hope of a return to better times.”*

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BRAFA IN THE GALLERIES

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

DATES AND TIMES

- **General times**
Preview on Wednesday 27 January 2021 from 2 pm until 9 pm; Thursday 28 until 31 January 2021 from 11 am until 6 pm.
- **Exhibition in @ Knokke-Heist**
Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 January 2021 and Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 February 2021, from 11 am until 6 pm.

LIST OF COUNTRIES AND CITIES WHERE EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD

Belgium: Antwerp - Ath - Brussels - Ghent – Knokke-Heist - Mechelen - Ostend - Sint-Martens-Latem - Wijnegem / **France:** Beaune - Béziers - Cannes - Marseille - Paris / **Germany:** Frankfurt - Freiburg - Munich / **Great Britain:** London / **Greece:** Athens / **Hungary:** Budapest / **Italy:** Arezzo - Florence - Milan - Racconigi - Rome - Venice / **Japan:** Nagoya / **The Netherlands:** Amsterdam - Blaricum - Dommelen - Waalwijk / **Portugal:** Lisbon / **Russia:** Moscow / **Spain:** Barcelona / **Switzerland:** Geneva - Zurich / **USA:** New York - San Francisco.

LIST OF THE 129 PARTICIPATING GALLERIES AND CITIES

David Aaron (London) - Galerie AB-BA (Paris) - Paolo Antonacci (Rome) - W. Apolloni srl & Laocoon Gallery (Rome – London) - d'Arschot & Cie (Brussels) - Art et Patrimoine (Ath) - Artimo Fine Arts (Brussels) - Arts et Autographes (Paris) - Galerie Ary Jan (Paris) - Bailly Gallery (Geneva) - Helene Bailly Gallery (Paris) - Véronique Bamps (Knokke) - Baronian Xippas (Knokke) - Galerie de la Béraudière (Brussels) - Galerie Berès (Paris) – Galerie Berger (Beaune) - Berko Fine Paintings (Knokke) - Bernier/ Eliades Gallery (Athens - Brussels) – Dr. Lennart Booij Fine Art & Rare Items (Brussels) - Boon Gallery (Knokke) - Galerie Alexis Bordes (Paris) - Bernard Bouisset (Béziers) - Galerie Boulakia (London) – Brame & Lorenceau (Paris - Brussels) - Brun Fine Art (London – Milan – Florence) – Cabinet of Curiosities – Honourable Silver Objects (Antwerp) - Callisto Fine Arts (London) - Galerie Jean-François Cazeau (Paris) - Galerie Cento Anni (Brussels) - The Belgian Antiquarian Booksellers' Association (CLAM-BBA) (Brussels) - Chiale Fine Art (Racconigi) – Didier Claes (Brussels – Ghent) - C L E A R I N G (Brussels) - Cortesi Gallery (Milan) - Costermans & Pelgrims de Bigard (Brussels) - Dalton Somaré (Milan) - Patrick De Brock Gallery (Knokke) – Galerie Oscar De Vos (Sint-Martens-Latem) - De Wit Fine Tapestries (Mechelen) - Deletaille Gallery (Brussels) - Gallery Desmet (Brussels) - DIE GALERIE (Frankfurt am Main) - Douwes Fine Art (Amsterdam) – Galerie Eberwein (Paris) - Xavier Eeckhout (Paris – Ghent) - Yann Ferrandin (Paris) - Finch & Co (London) - A&R Fleury (Paris) - Galerie des Modernes (Paris) - Gladstone Gallery (Brussels) – Gokelaere & Robinson (Knokke - Brussels) - Galerie Grand-Rue Marie-Laure Rondeau (Geneva) - Grusenmeyer-Woliner (Brussels) - Galerie Hadjer (Paris) - Philippe Heim (Brussels) – Marc Heiremans (Antwerp) - Heritage Gallery (Moscow) - Christophe Hioco (Paris) - Charles-

Wesley Hourdé (Paris) - Huberty & Breyne Gallery (Brussels) - Galerie Hurtebize (Cannes)– Galerie Jamar (Antwerp) - Rodolphe Janssen (Brussels – Knokke) - Francis Janssens van der Maelen (Brussels) – De Jonckheere (Brussels) - Harold t’Kint de Roodenbeke (Brussels) - Lancz Gallery (Brussels)– Alexis Lartigue Fine Art (Paris) - Galerie Bertrand de Lavergne (Paris) – Lemaire (Brussels) - Francis Maere Fine Arts (Ghent) - Kálmán Maklár Fine Arts (Budapest) – Galerie Martel-Greiner (Paris) - MARUANI MERCIER (Brussels – Knokke) - Gallery Nao Masaki (Nagoya) - Galerie Mathivet (Paris – Ghent) - Meessen De Clercq (Brussels) – Galerie Montanari (Paris) – MORENTZ (Waalwijk) - Jan Muller Antiques (Ghent) – Klaas Muller (Brussels) - Gioielleria Nardi (Venice) - Opera Gallery (Geneva) - Osborne Samuel Gallery (London) - Galeria Jordi Pascual (Barcelona) - La Patinoire Royale / Galerie Valérie Bach (Brussels) - La Pendulerie (Paris) - Galerie Alexis Pentcheff (Marseille) - Guy Pieters Gallery (Knokke) - Eric Pouillot (Paris) - Galerie de la Présidence (Paris) - Galerie Günter Puhze GmbH (Freiburg) - Maison Rapin (Paris) - Repetto Gallery (Milan) - Röbbig München (Munich) – robertaebasta (Milan – London) - Rosenberg & Co. (New York) - São Roque-Antiguidades e Galeria de Arte (Lisbon) - Galerie Schifferli (Geneva) - Adrian Schlag Tribal Art Classics (Brussels) - Serge Schoffel Art Premier (Brussels) - Galerie Schoffel de Fabry (Paris) - Clara Scremini Gallery (Paris) - Galerie Seghers (Ostend) - Herwig Simons (Brussels) – Galerie Sismann (Paris – Ghent) – STEINITZ (Paris-Ghent) - Stern Pissarro Gallery (London) Simon Studer Art Associés (Geneva) - Studio 2000 Art Gallery (Blaricum) - Galerie Taménaga (Paris) – Tenzing Asian Art (San Francisco) - Theatrum Mundi (Arezzo) - Theunissen & de Ghellinck (Brussels) – Galerie Patrice Trigano (Paris) - Univers du Bronze (Paris – Brussels) - Van der Meij Fine Arts (Amsterdam) – Floris van Wanroij Fine Art (Dommelen) - Samuel Vanhoegaerden Gallery (Knokke) – Maurice Verbaet Gallery (Knokke) - Axel Vervoordt (Wijnegem) - Galerie von Vertes (Zurich) – Galerie Florence de Voldère (Paris) - N. Vrouyr (Antwerp) - Waddington Custot (London) – Victor Werner (Antwerp) - Whitford Fine Art (Brussels) - Willow Gallery (London)

SPECIFIC EXHIBITIONS

Véronique Bamps	@ Berko Fine Paintings (Kustlaan 163 - 8300 Knokke-Heist)
Dr. Lennart Booij Fine Art & Rare Items	@ Huberty & Breyne Gallery (Place du Châtelain 33 - 1050 Brussels)
Brame & Lorenceau	@ La Patinoire Royale – Galerie Valérie Bach (Rue Veydt 15 - 1060 Brussels)
CLAM	@ Galerie Claude Van Loock & Galerie Le Tout Venant (Rue Saint-Jean 53 & 31 - 1000 Brussels)
De Jonckheere	@ Rue Américaine 26-28 – 1060
Brussels Francis Janssens van der Maelen & Jean Lemaire	@ Costermans & Pelgrims de Bigard (Place du Grand Sablon 5 - 1000 Brussels)
Gokelaere & Robinson	@ Boulevard de Waterloo 28 – 1000 Brussels
Repetto Gallery	@ Via Vincenzo Monti 8 – 20123 Milano
Univers du Bronze	@ Rue Ernest Allard 37 - 1000 Brussels
Whitford Fine Art	@ Rue Antoine Dansaert 79 - 1000 Brussels

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