

# Art Gallery & Museum Press Release



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## Philip Sutton RA: Woodcuts 1962-1976

25 November 2005 – 29 January 2006

This exhibition at the Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum, features a selection of striking colour and black and white woodcut prints made by Philip Sutton RA between 1962 and 1976. They were first exhibited at the Royal Academy in London this summer and despite being created some thirty years ago, the colours are still as vibrant today as they ever were!

This exhibition comes at a time when there is a renewed interest in printmaking, and in woodcuts particularly. There is also a marked interest in what is referred to as 'vintage' popular culture of the 60s and 70s. Sutton's well defined, yet fluid lines are inspired by Matisse and Picasso, and the influence of both artists is clear.

Philip Sutton studied under William Coldstream at the Slade School of Fine Art in London from 1948 to 1953. He was elected a Royal Academician in 1988. He currently lives and works in Pembrokeshire, Wales, but has family in Leamington Spa, so he has established many links with the community here during his frequent visits to the area.

Come and join us for one or more of the events we have supporting this exhibition;

- **The Exhibition Preview** takes place in the Assembly Rooms on **Thursday 24 November from 6.30pm – 8.30pm**. Refreshments sponsored by the Friends of Leamington Art Gallery.
- **In Conversation with.....** Philip Sutton RA will be talking to Art Critic and Writer, Simon Tait about his career and about his woodcut prints. This will take place in the Assembly Rooms on **Friday 25 November from 6.30pm – 8pm** and costs £4 per person. Please call 01926 742700 to reserve places.
- **Printmaking Workshop, Saturday 26 November from 11am – 3pm**. A free drop-in session at the Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum, which will be fun for all ages. Have a go at printmaking and get some tips from the artist Philip Sutton himself! He will be here to meet budding artists at 11.30am.

A catalogue has been produced for the exhibition in collaboration with the Royal Academy. It will be for sale at the price of £7.95 in the Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum.

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For further information please contact Kath Cockshaw on 01926 742702 or Nicki Hughes on 01926 742709.

Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum, Royal Pump Rooms, The Parade, Leamington Spa, CV32 4AA. Opening Times  
Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat – 10.30am – 5pm. Thurs 1.30pm – 8pm. Sunday 11am – 4pm. Closed Mondays. Admission Free.