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Press release

Artists Gert and Uwe Tobias chosen for latest exhibition for Whitechapel Gallery at Windsor, Florida

9 December 2012 – 8 April 2013

The Whitechapel Gallery announces the latest exhibition for its curatorial partnership with The Gallery at Windsor, Vero Beach, Florida.

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Works of art by internationally renowned twin brothers Gert and Uwe Tobias will go on display from 9 December 2012- 8 April 2013 at the Whitechapel Gallery at Windsor. It is the second of three annual exhibitions curated by the Whitechapel Gallery in partnership with Windsor's co-founder and Creative Director The Hon. Hilary M. Weston, to coincide with Art Basel Miami Beach. This will be the first exhibition in Florida of the works of the Romanian-born artists.

Born in Transylvania, identical twins Gert and Uwe Tobias paint, sculpt, make traditional woodcut prints and draw with a typewriter. They have worked together since 2001 and when in their studio the artists often finish each other's work, picking up where the other left off, so their art often evolves from the deeply shared understanding that twins sometimes develop. Their work is full of strange faces and creatures drawn from eastern European folk art and other influences which is combined with the influences of Russian abstract art from the early 20th century.

These artists' large woodcut prints of vibrant, jewel-like colours will be part of a site specific installation conceived for the unique environment of this gallery, providing a darkly magical counterpoint to The Gallery at Windsor's tropical, beach-side setting. The starting point for the display is a huge 2 panel 6-metre woodcut on paper on canvas. This contains hybrid figures with comically grotesque features, globular forms often in pale pastel colours and rectangles which bisect the picture plane - motifs are central to the artists' pictorial language. The display will also include further coloured woodcuts, collages, wall paintings and a unique invitation woodcut created specially for the exhibition as Gert and Uwe Tobias always do for their solo shows.

Coinciding with Art Basel Miami Beach, the opening will create a 'salon' like ambience where leading figures from the art world can meet to discuss and debate ideas. At the centre of this is the Windsor International Art Committee, a circle of ambassadors for the project drawn from collectors, gallerists, curators and Windsor members. The Hon. Hilary M. Weston and Iwona Blazwick OBE, Director of the Whitechapel Gallery, and the artists will attend the opening weekend.

Iwona Blazwick OBE, Director, Whitechapel Gallery, said:

'The Whitechapel Gallery has always pioneered world-class artists and we are delighted to realise our next exhibition in The Gallery at Windsor. Gert and Uwe Tobias are one of the most fascinating artistic duos working today. Their vividly coloured images, objects and environments evoke a world that is hallucinatory and strange. This new installation promises to bring the dark enchantment of European forests to the gallery in contrast with its beautiful setting in the landscape surrounding it. The Whitechapel Gallery looks forward to presenting these artists for the very first time in Florida at The Gallery at Windsor.'

'We greatly admire the work of Gert & Uwe Tobias, twin brothers influenced by the folkloric art of their native Romania and pleased that the Whitechapel Gallery is featuring them in the second year of their collaboration with The Gallery at Windsor. Windsor has become a destination for important collectors and art lovers alike and we are thrilled to again be presenting such an exciting exhibition this December,' says The Hon. Hilary M. Weston, philanthropist and former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Mr and Mrs Weston established the Windsor community, a family oriented residential club community located in Vero Beach, Florida. It spans 416 acres on a barrier island between the Indian River and the Atlantic Ocean.

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Notes to editors

- Twin brothers **Gert and Uwe Tobias** were born in Brasov, Romania, in 1973, in the Transylvanian region. They have worked together since 2001 and create large woodcuts, gouache paintings, typewriter drawings and ceramic sculptures combining influences from traditional folk art and abstract art from the early 20th century. Their work is held in the collections of MoMA, New York and the Saatchi Gallery, London. They are represented by Contemporary Fine Arts, Berlin; Maureen Paley Gallery, London; Galerie Rodolphe Janssen, Brussels; and Team Gallery, New York. They have exhibited widely internationally at museums and galleries including Gem Museum of Contemporary Art, The Hague, Netherlands (2011), Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham, UK (2010) and Collezione Maramotti, Reggio Emilia, Italy (2009), and MoMA, New York (2007 & 2012). They currently live and work in Cologne, Germany.
- The Gallery at Windsor has been the site of exhibitions by leading contemporary artists since 2002. Previous artists who have exhibited include Christo, Peter Doig, Alex Katz, Ed Ruscha and Beatriz Milhazes' inaugural Whitechapel Gallery at Windsor exhibition (2011).
- For over a century the Whitechapel Gallery has premiered world-class artists from modern masters such as Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollock, Mark Rothko and Frida Kahlo to contemporaries such as Sophie Calle, Lucian Freud, Gilbert & George and Walid Raad. With beautiful galleries, exhibitions, artist commissions, collection displays, historic archives, education resources, art courses, dining room and bookshop there is always something free to see. The Gallery is a touchstone for modern and contemporary art internationally, plays a central role in London's cultural landscape and is pivotal to the continued growth of the world's most vibrant contemporary art quarter.
- The Gallery at Windsor is a not-for-profit art space which sits in the heart of the Windsor development, close to the ocean and in landscaped gardens.
- Windsor is a family oriented residential club community located in Vero Beach, Florida. It spans 416 acres on a lush barrier island between the Indian River and the Atlantic Ocean. It was established in 1989 by Hilary and W. Galen Weston of Toronto and designed by renowned town planners Andr s Duany and Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk. Visit www.windsorflorida.com for more information.
- A fully-illustrated limited edition publication will feature an essay by Iwona Blazwick. This will be available from both The Gallery at Windsor and the Whitechapel Gallery.

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Visitor Information

Gert and Uwe Tobias, 9 December 2012 – 8 April 2013. The Whitechapel Gallery at Windsor, 3125 Windsor Boulevard, Vero Beach, Florida, 32963. Open to the public from 12.00 pm daily by appointment, closing times vary. Closed on Tuesday. Visitors to call: 001 772 388 4071 to arrange their visit windsorflorida.com/gallery or gallery@windsorflorida.com

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