

Birmingham Artist To Be Celebrated at NEC Antiques Fair

ANTIQUES FOR EVERYONE
NEC, BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND B40 1NT
30 October – 2 November 2008

A unique collection of fifty watercolours and drawings featuring historic nineteenth century views of towns and villages across the Midlands will be a major attraction at the Antiques for Everyone fair at the NEC, Birmingham from 30 October – 2 November 2008.

Antiques for Everyone is Britain's largest vetted and datelined antiques fair featuring more than 350 exhibitors from across the UK, Europe and America. It is a major international event for collectors with prices from less than £10 to more than £100,000.



The watercolours and drawings are by the Birmingham artist **Henry Pope** (1843-1908). **Henry Pope** was, and still is, a popular artist who painted many well-known Midlands views during the late nineteenth century. The special display is being mounted by **Phoenix Fine Art**, the Cheshire gallery, to mark the centenary of his death in 1908. Henry Pope lived in Birmingham and he exhibited a massive 290 works in Birmingham where he also helped found the Birmingham Art Circle, in 1879. This unique collection derives from Pope's three albums of sketches and drawings found in his studio at the time of his death in 1908. The albums remained in the family until sold in the 1960's.

Mounted and framed, the pictures depict a range of views across the Midlands, including **Dudley Castle, Kenilworth Castle, Solihull, Earlswood, Acocks Green, Coleshill, Halesowen and Tamworth**, exactly as they were in the nineteenth century. Also featured are views of **Tintern Abbey, Lynton & Lynmouth** and **Ludlow Castle**. With prices from £100 to £150 each, they provide an excellent opportunity for collectors to acquire a genuine work of art and piece of local history at a very affordable price.

Begun in 1986, Antiques for Everyone continues to be one of the world's most popular fairs. It is divided into two distinctive sections governed by dateline restrictions to ensure the fair provides a range of authentic antiques in all areas. Section One offers superb displays from exhibitors specialising in fine furniture and decorative accessories. They are joined by leading galleries from across the country specialising in silver, pottery, porcelain, jewellery, textiles, arms and armour and sculpture.

Section Two offers around three hundred dealers showing a vast choice of collectable items. Specialities include Roman and Chinese antiquities, Steiff teddy bears, French clocks, fine engravings, working barometers, tea caddies, early tin-plate toys, scientific instruments, English Civil War period pistols and helmets, garden statuary, kitchen antiques, decorative brass, copper, needlework samplers, sculpture, textiles, Arts & Crafts, Art Nouveau and Art Deco.

Most importantly, a committee comprising approximately 150 specialist experts inspect exhibits for quality and authenticity, ensuring that buyers can make their purchases with confidence. 100-plus are members of LAPADA (The Association of Art & Antiques Dealers while others belong to the BADA (British Antique Dealers Association).

The Antiques for Everyone fairs are organised by Clarion Events Ltd and take place every spring, summer and winter.

PUBLIC VISITOR INFORMATION Tel: UK (0)121-767 2947.

Fair Location:

Halls 17-19, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, UK, B40 1NT.

Admission: £10.00, including free car parking.

In Advance: £8.00 for Adults and Senior Citizens from the Box Office Tel: 0871 945 4527.

Public Open Times 30 October – 2 November:

Thurs 11am-7pm / Fri-Sat 11am-6pm / Sun 11am-5pm

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