



THE CONNAUGHT



THE CONNAUGHT UNVEILS “THE ARTIST IN THE APARTMENT” IN COLLABORATION WITH LONDON’S DISTINGUISHED ART STORE GREEN & STONE

[The Connaught in Mayfair](#), long known for its relationships with some of the world’s finest artists has unveiled “The Artist in The Apartment”, a new artistic project in collaboration with distinguished London art store [Green & Stone](#).

[“The Artist in The Apartment”](#) offers guests who check into [The Apartment](#) located on the sixth floor of the hotel, the chance to be inspired by the panoramic views over the rooftops and skyline of London, equipping them with all the essential tools to channel their inner Van Gogh and become an artist during their stay whilst creating an enduring keepsake of their visit of the hotel and the capital.

Dressed in their monogrammed traditional artist apron guests will find set up, in the light suffused double height living room, a professional solid oak easel and blank canvas complete with a carefully selected collection of art materials including watercolor paints, gold plated brushes with teak handles, charcoal sketching pencils all chosen by Hester Baldwin, owner of Green & Stone. For those that want some professional guidance, Green & Stone can also arrange for some professional coaching or alternatively can actually source a notable artist to draw the guest’s portrait while they are staying there.

Commenting on the collaboration Hester Baldwin from Green & Stone said: *“We have seen a huge increase recently in people keen to learn more about improving their artistic skills and techniques. We can think of no better place*

than The Apartment at The Connaught, perched above Mayfair with views of the city landmarks, to get those creative juices flowing.”

The Connaught, has long had historical artistic associations, from British artist Graham Sutherland who lived and painted there, to Damien Hirst who created two butterfly pieces for H el ene Darroze’s restaurant, to last year’s Antony Gormley designed Christmas Tree. The Connaught’s expertly curated private art collection is some 3,000 pieces strong and growing.

The Apartment designed by David Collins Studio, is set atop The Connaught and has been designed as the private home of a collector, with every feature designed by master craftsmen. Grand hand-carved doors open to reveal a splendid hallway and lofty living space furnished with fine works of art, each piece especially commissioned. The double height sitting-room is suffused in natural light, crowned by an artisan plaster chandelier by sculptor Philippe Anthonioz, reminiscent of that in the Mus e Picasso, makes it an artist’s studio dream.

[“The Artist in The Apartment”](#) is available to all guests staying in the Apartment. Price on request. For reservations please call +44 (0) 20 7107 8945. Subject to availability.

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ABOUT THE CONNAUGHT

In the heart of London’s Mayfair, The Connaught, part of Maybourne Hotel Group, blends contemporary style, classic English character and impeccable service to create the ultimate in sophistication. Rooms and suites to suit every mood, exquisite cuisine from H el ene Darroze, the charm of The Connaught and Coburg Bars, and Europe’s first Aman Spa make this the perfect place to rest, relax and dine in style.

ABOUT GREEN & STONE

Green & Stone, supplier of specialist Art Materials and Picture Framing was first established in Chelsea in 1927, and is now the longest running shop on the popular Kings Road. The shop was originally based within the Chenil Gallery, whose directors were Augustus John and Bernard Shaw.

Green and Stone moved to its current site at 259 Kings Road in 1934, where Mr Alfred Green and his sons Alfie & Peter continued to run the shop primarily as a picture framing business, with what was then, only a small Art Materials section. 259 Kings Road was previously run as a shop for the Women’s Suffragette Movement. It was bought by Mr Baldwin in 1972 and since that time, he has overseen the growth of the framing department, (concentrating primarily on hand made frames) which has now become one of the foremost in London. The biggest change however, has been the growth of the Artists Materials section, which has increased in size ten fold, making Green and Stone one of the biggest retailer of Fine Art Materials in Europe. The shop now stocks an incredible range of artist’s materials, ranging from massive wind up Oak Studio Easels, Balanced Palettes to Gold Leaf and Vellum.

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