

COMPETITION – Win two tickets for the Knitting and Stitching Show Edinburgh

A unique opportunity to view intricate, painstakingly crafted work by leading contemporary textile artists comes to Edinburgh at the end of the month.

The Edinburgh Reporter has two tickets to give away with a face value of £32.



Enter by 24 April 2016 at 5:00pm to be in with a chance of winning two free tickets!

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Award-winning textile fine artist and painter Michala Gyetvai will be showing work in Scotland for the first time at the inaugural Knitting & Stitching Show. With an exhibition called Enchanted Landscapes, the acclaimed artist's works begin as studies in pastel before their transformation into vibrant fibre paintings using old dyed blankets.

Also making her Scottish debut at The Knitting & Stitching Show Edinburgh is Newcastle-based artist maker Helen Pailing.

Her #workshopassemblage series is created from salvaged waste materials from Sunderland's National Glass Centre, from processes such as lampworking, waterjet cutting, laser printing and glass blowing. Components are stitched together to create highly impactful sculptural objects, architectural interventions and installations.



Representing Scotland's thriving textile art scene are exhibitions by Edinburgh tapestry artist Fiona Rutherford whose work is held in collections at the V&A and the Arts Council (Fragments), Glasgow-based printed textile artist Joanna Kinnersly-Taylor (Perpetual Mapping) and fine artists from edge – textile artists Scotland.

A showcase of patchwork and quilt art comes in the form of three unique exhibitions. The Festival of Quilts award-winning art quilter Hanne Asbey from Aberdeen will represent Scottish members of The Quilters Guild with a stunning collection of recent work.

In 'Seeing Red', The Quilters Guild curates a selection of striking heritage Turkey Red quilts from its collection – some of the finest examples of the fabric's use. Turkey Red is an important part of the story of Scottish textiles, the method of dyeing having been introduced to Glasgow in the late 1700s.

In Art Quilts in The Netherlands, art historian and author Henk Lijding has curated a stunning 40-quilt collection of 2D and 3D quilts. With a strong tradition of quilting, The Netherlands has become home to some of the world's leading art quilters.

Jonathan Burton, portfolio director of The Knitting & Stitching Shows says: "The Textile Galleries at our new Edinburgh show celebrate Scottish textile talent and craftsmanship, and give leading artists from further afield an exciting new platform to inspire audiences with a passion for fabric arts."

"The definitive event for anyone with a love of stitch and crafts."

Supplies, workshops and textile art.”

The Knitting and Stitching Show Edinburgh takes place at the Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh from 28 April – 1 May. Tickets with a wide selection of options available from <http://www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com/edinburgh/> or by calling 01473 321872.