

"WHERE DID YOU FLY IN FROM, BIG BIRD?"

Simon Gudgeon's iconic new sculpture - Isis - recently unveiled in Hyde Park is the focal point of a £1.8 million fundraising campaign for a new children's education centre, launched by the Royal Parks Foundation in conjunction with London's Halcyon Gallery. Sitting proudly on the banks of the Serpentine, Isis includes a donation box at its base together with 1,000 plaques. Each plaque is inscribed with the names of people who have given £1,000 or more to the cause.

More than a third of the plaques have already been sold and laid around the base of Isis. To date, over £1 million has been pledged for the campaign.

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OVER £4,000 RAISED FOR COMIC RELIEF



Original signed doodles by six Washington Green artists raised a phenomenal £4,810 in an eBay auction in aid of Comic Relief earlier this year.

Including a staggering £2,005 achieved for a doodle by Alexander Millar, the artists sensationally outperformed 13 other celebrities, whose doodles raised just £545 between them!

Every £1 raised will be used to buy one malaria prevention mosquito net for children and families in Africa, where the disease claims over a million children's lives each year.

GRIPPING NEW BOOK TELLS JOHN MYATT'S TALE

The extraordinary story of one of the most daring and most elaborate art frauds in history tells the true tale of how supreme con man John Drewe, aided by art forger John Myatt - now one of the UK's top-selling artists - duped some of the most prestigious galleries, collectors and art experts across the world. Written by investigative reporters Laney Salisbury and Aly Sujo, 'Provenance', which featured on Oprah Winfrey's Top 4 Summer Reading Picks 2009, is fast-paced, meticulously researched and utterly enthralling.

Available from www.amazon.co.uk



WIZARD OF OZ COMES TO HARRODS

Original work by two Washington Green artists will feature in Harrods window display this Christmas, as part of its Wizard of Oz theme to celebrate the film's 70th anniversary. Specially commissioned by the world-famous store, John Wilson has created a stunning three-dimensional Yellow Brick Road painting, and Sarah Graham an enchanted piece entitled 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow'. Graham's painting will also be produced in a very limited edition of just 70, on sale exclusively at Harrods for £450.

