

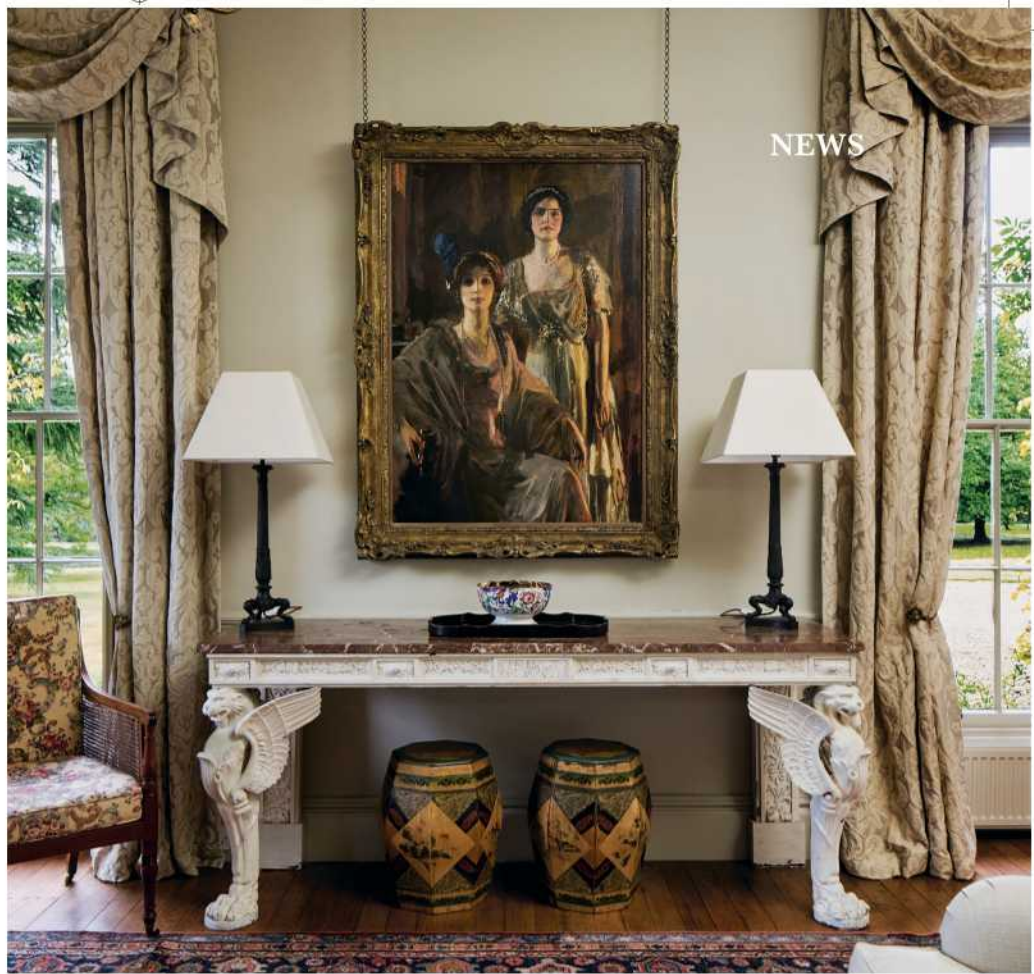
HAMMER IT HOME

Sworders is a fine art auctioneer renowned for the quality of its auctions, where it is possible to buy one-of-a-kind art and furniture for the home.

On 4 March the company will be auctioning off the principal contents of the Cheshire country house Boden Hall – the latest in the auction house’s run of single-owner sales.

The manor house auction, which will take place at the company’s auction halls in the Essex village of Stanstead Mountfitchet, will include period furniture and fine paintings that have been carefully collected by the latest custodians of the grand Georgian house.

Sworders also has one of its esteemed Modern and Contemporary Art auctions coming up on 15 April for those seeking more recent pieces. sworder.co.uk



DESIGNS ON THE FUTURE

Having spotted a gaping hole in the world of interior design in 1960, with no official body or training to support the designers of the future, Jacqueline Duncan OBE (*left*) founded the Inchbald School of Design, where she remains as Dean today.

Inchbald has grown to become one of the UK’s leading design schools, whose alumni include some of the best interior and garden designers in the world, and it remains committed to nurturing talent. A maximum of 100 students at any one time allows for a collaborative atmosphere and teaching ratios that never exceed 8:1.

If an aspiring designer, or have an eye on a change of career, then register for the next virtual open day on 12 June to learn about the courses on offer, from 10-week certificate courses through to diplomas and undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. inchbald.co.uk

STAIRWAY TO SIMPLICITY

In its 30th anniversary year, staircase design company Bisca says it has noticed a trend towards a desire for more simple designs, whether for the regularised patterns of the Georgian style (as shown) or an ultra-modern look comprising crisp, simple glass balustrades, capped with a handrail and no visible fixings.

“We are finding that homeowners are much more aware now of trends and how certain styles and materials can become outdated within a short amount of time,” says Richard McLane, Bisca’s founder and design director.

“Clients have therefore become less willing to take a risk and are avoiding staircase styles which are overly decorative or incorporate materials that will not stand the test of time,” he adds.

bisca.co.uk ■

