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Press Release

ROSIE SANDERS

*Secret Letters*

23<sup>rd</sup> September – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017

*An exhibition of dramatic new paintings in watercolour and charcoal  
by one of the world's leading botanical artists*



ABOVE: *Chiaroscuro I* and *Chiaroscuro II*, both charcoal and watercolour on white Arches 640gsm rough paper, 58 x 40ins (147 x 102cm)

Rosie Sanders is internationally celebrated for her striking watercolour paintings of flowers. Always innovative, her work challenges the boundaries and perceptions of contemporary botanical art.

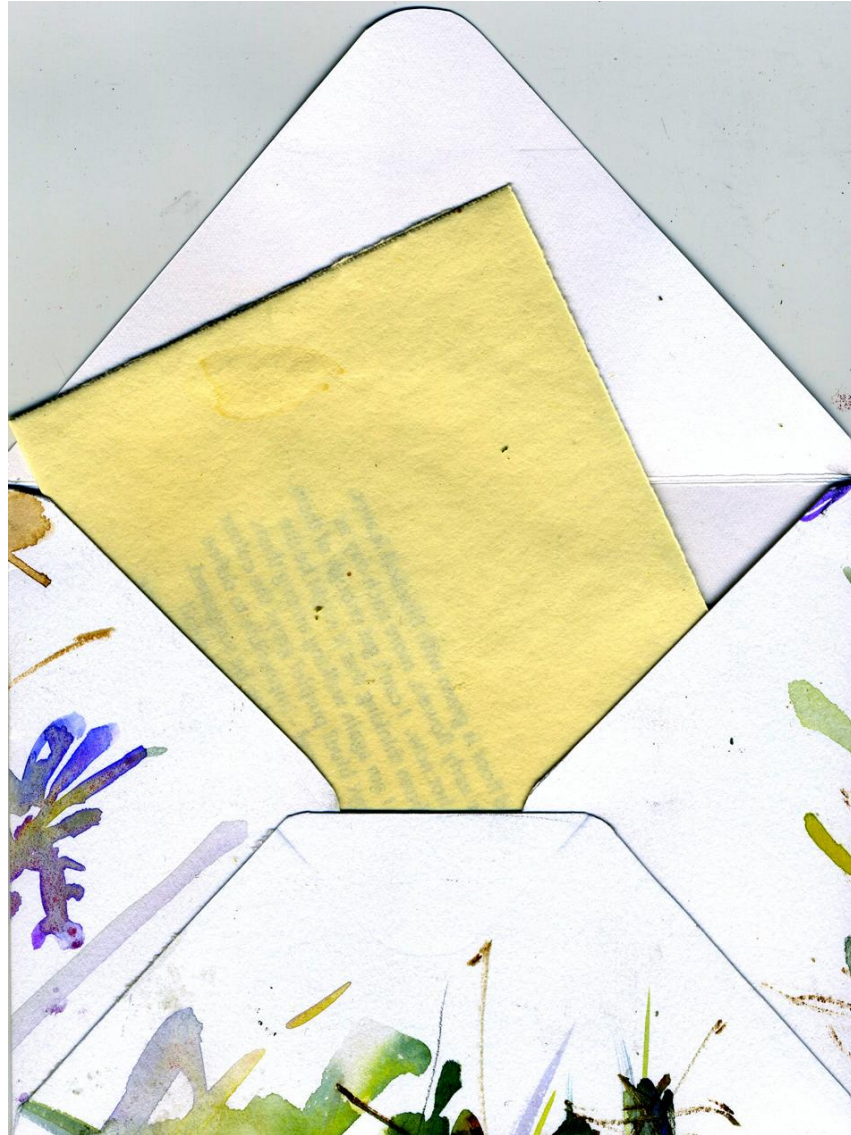
Evoking a range of emotions, Sanders' paintings transcend pure representation or scientific documentation. Perhaps best known for her large and expressive paintings in watercolour, since her previous exhibition with Jonathan Cooper in 2015 she has increasingly explored the dramatic intensity of charcoal in her work, and the luxuriant texture of petals emerging from darkness into light.

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Visitors to the exhibition will be able to compare and contrast paintings in this new medium with her bold and saturated watercolours, which have recently been fêted in the publication *Rosie Sanders' Flowers: A Celebration of Botanical Art*, published by Batsford Press. Many of the works in this exhibition will also be smaller in scale, imbuing them with a sense of intimacy that invites closer viewing.



ABOVE: *Secret Letter 5<sup>th</sup> April*, handmade and illustrated by Rosie Sanders

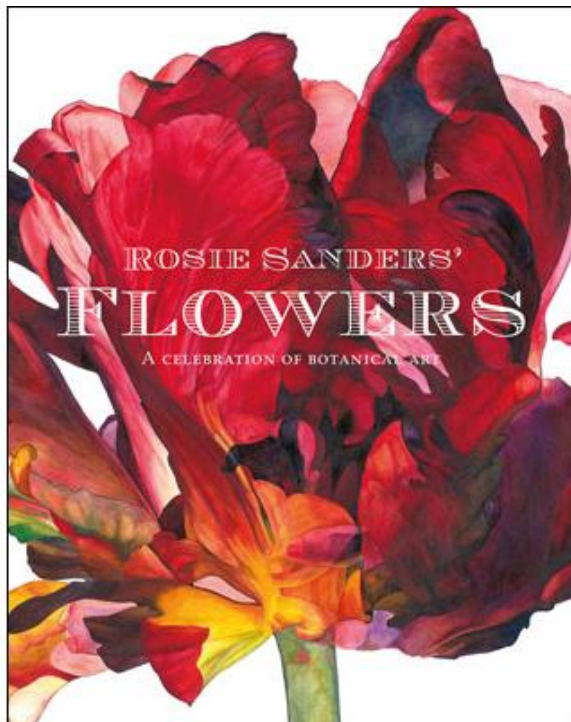
The exhibition will be an exciting journey of discovery, as each painting will be accompanied by a letter explaining its inspiration and genesis, whether a plant glimpsed in late afternoon light on a woodland walk, or lovingly grown in the artist's own garden. Each will be enclosed in an envelope hand-made and illustrated by Rosie Sanders, making the show a unique insight into the world of a remarkable British artist.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

**Rosie Sanders** lives and works in Devon. Self taught, she has gone on to win several awards including the Royal Academy Miniature Award in 1985 and five Royal Horticultural Gold Medals. In 2008 her work was included in the inaugural exhibition at the Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art, Kew Gardens, and in 2016 was celebrated in the publication *Rosie Sanders' Flowers: A Celebration of Botanical Art*, published by Batsford Press.



**Jonathan Cooper** - founded in 1988 - is a London based contemporary art gallery specialising in representational drawing, painting, photography and sculpture. The gallery is a member of SLAD (The Society of London Art Dealers), BADA (The British Antique Dealers Association) and LAPADA (The Association of Art & Antique Dealers), and regularly exhibits at international art fairs.

## LISTING INFORMATION

The gallery is open Monday – Friday 10am – 6.30pm and Saturday 11am – 4pm.  
Free Admission.

Jonathan Cooper, 20 Park Walk, London, SW10 0AQ.

## PRESS INFORMATION

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