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UNDERGO A CREATIVE RENAISSANCE WITH THE VENUS REBORN EXPERIENCE COMBINING THE V&A'S BOTTICELLI REIMAGINED EXHIBITION WITH LIFE DRAWING CLASSES AT THE KENSINGTON

Parties of friends or family will enjoy a creative renaissance this spring in the convivial and luxurious surroundings of The Kensington, a hotel member of the V&A, thanks to the hotel's new 'Venus Reborn' experience launching this spring. The day will start with a visit to the museum's *Botticelli Reimagined* exhibition to take in the works and influence of Sandro Botticelli, before retreating to The Kensington. A specially created Botticelli cocktail and selection of delicious canapés will welcome budding artists, before they undertake a Life Drawing class under the tutelage of Daniel Shadbolt, an artist and teacher at Heatherley's School of Fine Art and The Royal Drawing School. Daniel will guide groups of up to 12 participants and school them in the best use of light and materials to create their own interpretation of a life model over the 2.5 hour lesson.

Sitting in the heart of South Kensington, this classically elegant townhouse hotel is perfectly located to access the area's buzzing café culture and abundance of restaurants. For those looking to extend celebrations, The Kensington is offering rooms from £225 per night for overnight stays. The hotel's glamorous K Bar and private dining space, The Study (part of Town House restaurant) are both perfect spots for entertaining. As the night goes on, guests can take advantage of exclusive access at neighbouring Ramusake, one of West London's most exclusive private member's clubs, to party with the Royal Borough's local regulars.

The 'Venus Reborn' package is priced at at £120 per person, with a minimum spend of £960 which covers a group size of 8 people. Maximum group size 12 people to ensure quality of tuition. Price includes tickets to *Botticelli Reimagined* at the

The Kensington celebrates the V&A's much-anticipated *Botticelli Reimagined* exhibition by inviting groups to enjoy a slice of the city and then hone their creative skills with a Life Drawing experience

The ***Venus Reborn*** experience is priced at £120 per person and includes tickets to *Botticelli Reimagined* at the V&A and a professionally guided 2.5 hour life drawing class with all drawing materials, a welcome cocktail and selection of canapés plus a half-bottle of wine

Perfect for groups of friends, family, corporate or hen and stag parties looking for a fun and immersive experience with renowned art teacher Daniel Shadbolt in one of London's most exclusive neighbourhoods

Preferential room rates offered for those booking the experience along with a night at the newly renovated hotel

V&A, all drawing materials, a welcome cocktail, a selection of canapés and a half-bottle of wine. Bookings may be made for sessions on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturday afternoons and must be booked a minimum one week in advance. Subject to availability. The experience is available from 1st April until 3rd July 2016.

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Notes to Editors

The Doyle Collection:

The Kensington is a member of The Doyle Collection, the Irish-owned luxury international hotel group that comprises eight hotels in five cities around the world. These design-led properties provide modern havens for today's traveller, as well as stylish bars and restaurants for local consumers. For more details please visit www.doylecollection.com

Daniel Shadbolt:

Daniel Shadbolt took his foundation at the University of Hertfordshire in 1999 before relocating to London to study Painting at the Chelsea School of Art and completing The Drawing Year in 2004. Daniel then spent two years working for The Prince's Drawing School (now the Royal Drawing School) as a technician. In 2008 he received the Bulldog Bursary for Portrait Painting and has taught Drawing and Painting at the Heatherley School of Fine Art in Chelsea ever since. His exhibitions include the BP Portrait Award, Lynn Painter-Stainers Prize, Ruth Borchard Self Portrait Exhibition, Royal Society of Portrait Painters, and New English Art Club. He has also had solo exhibitions at La Galleria in Pall Mall and at the 286 Gallery in Earl's Court. www.danielshadbolt.com

Botticelli Reimagined at the V&A:

Covering 500 years of art history and including over 50 great works by Sandro Botticelli (1445-1510), making it the largest exhibition of Botticelli paintings and drawings ever held in the UK, Botticelli Reimagined is on display at the V&A until 3 July. This major new exhibition explores, for the first time, the variety of ways artists and designers from the Pre-Raphaelites to the present have responded to the artistic legacy of Botticelli. Including painting, fashion, film, drawing, photography, tapestry, sculpture and print, the exhibition also features works by artists as diverse as Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Edward Burne-Jones, William Morris, René Magritte, Elsa Schiaparelli, Andy Warhol and Cindy Sherman. Botticelli is now recognised as one of the greatest artists of all time. His celebrated images are firmly embedded in the public consciousness and his influence permeates art, design, fashion and film. However, although lauded in his

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lifetime, Botticelli was largely forgotten for more than 300 years until his work was progressively rediscovered in the 19th century.

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