

SUDELEY CASTLE RECONSTRUCTION #3 THE ARTISTS' PLAYGROUND

Leading international artists and designers including **Jeppe Hein**, **Carsten Höller**, **Zaha Hadid** and **Lawrence Weiner** have been specially commissioned to take part in *Artists' Playground*, a major new exhibition based on the theme of play at **Sudeley Castle** from 1 June–31 October 2008.

Zaha Hadid will create a giant slide while **Jeppe Hein** will produce a mirrored labyrinth. **Carsten Höller** is creating a flying machine, **Henry Krokatsis** will carve a Gothic tree-house and **James Hopkins** will create a giant kaleidoscope and camera obscura inside oversized champagne bottles.

The Artists' Playground is conceived by curators **Mollie Dent-Brocklehurst** and **Elliot McDonald**. Mollie Dent-Brocklehurst opened the first London-based Gagolian Gallery in 1999 and Elliot McDonald is the curator of Hiscox Art Projects and the Hiscox Collection. The project is presented in partnership with Phillips de Pury & Company, the internationally renowned contemporary art auction house. Chanel is delighted to be supporting the exhibition at Sudeley Castle this year and to be co-hosting the opening party on 31 May.

The maverick design dealer **Kenny Schachter** has co-ordinated the design element of the exhibition, curating works by four designers: **Zaha Hadid**, **Tom Dixon**, **Arik Levy** and **Richard Woods**.

Set in the Cotswold Hills, the partially ruined Sudeley Castle thrived during Tudor times as a royal household for Queen Katherine Parr but suffered damage during the Civil War. Since being restored in the 1830s, it has played host to many of the great politicians of the Victorian age. The castle has been open to the public since 1972, attracting over 80,000 visitors a year.

Sudeley Castle holds annual exhibitions of large-scale sculpture and installations. The first Sudeley Castle garden sculpture exhibition, *Vertigo* was launched in 2005. Following the success of the first show, two further exhibitions followed, *Reconstruction #1* in 2006 and *Reconstruction #2* in 2007.

The Artists' Playground: **Michael Craig-Martin**, **Tom Dixon**, **Kevin Francis Gray**, **Zaha Hadid**, **Jeppe Hein**, **Carsten Höller**, **James Hopkins**, **Henry Krokatsis**, **Arik Levy**, **Jonathan Monk**, **Rolf Sachs**, **Piotr Uklanski**, **Lawrence Weiner**, **Ai Weiwei** and **Richard Woods**.