



Glass Society - free Zoom Lecture

Miranda Lowe

Blaschka: Glass creatures of the ocean

Thursday 14th October 2021, 7pm BST, on Zoom

Tiny, delicate, and beautiful: the Blaschka glass models capture the ethereal mystery of the deep sea. Over 10,000 of them were created and distributed worldwide by father and son Leopold and Rudolf Blaschka in the nineteenth century. Before advanced underwater photography, they brought the anatomy of marine invertebrates, including coral, jellyfish, and squid, into classrooms, labs and museums, every eye and tentacle rendered perfectly in glass.

Miranda Lowe will give an insight to the history, acquisition, conservation and display of the Natural History



Museum's Blaschka collection of over 187 of these sculptures, based on scientific illustrations of the day, or real animals kept in a saltwater aquarium.

Miranda Lowe, FRSB FLS, is a principal curator and scientist at the Natural History Museum, London. Interested in the past of natural history, she is an expert in the Blaschka glass models in the museum's collections. Miranda presents lectures and publishes on curatorial and scientific research, including on radio and TV, linking art, science and nature to aid public understanding of the natural world. Recently Miranda was listed in BBC Radio 4's 'Women's Hour Power List 2020: Our Planet.'

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TO BOOK: Please contact David Willars at gsocfinancial@gmail.com. Please note, places are limited. You will be sent details of how to join the Zoom meeting before the 14th October.

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