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## **Sculpture by Bridget McCrum to feature on the 'Wessex Plinth'**

[The Salisbury Museum](http://www.salisburymuseum.org.uk), is thrilled to announce that the next sculpture to grace the 'Wessex Plinth' at the front of the museum, will be an elegant bronze entitled 'Solstice' by artist, Bridget McCrum RWA, FRBS.

Bridget McCrum is a sculptor who works in stone and bronze. She says, 'Since childhood I have been excited by ancient remains, fragments of carving and standing stones in lonely landscapes.' Born in Yorkshire, she was raised in Dinton, and now lives in Dittisham on the River Dart.

'Solstice' is a fine example of the timelessness often found in her sculpture. It chimes perfectly with the simplicity and power of star objects from the museum's collection of archaeology, like the polished stone axe dating from 4,000 – 3,000 BC and believed to have been found in a barrow near Stonehenge. This Early Neolithic axe is widely considered to be one of the most beautiful and elaborately polished examples of its kind.

Communications Officer, Louise Tunnard says 'This is the second magnificent sculpture to feature in our plinth programme. It is wonderful to be able to put a contemporary work of this power and presence in front of our 13<sup>th</sup> century building for all to enjoy. We are enormously grateful to all at Messums, Wiltshire, who have helped make this possible.'

The plinth exhibition programme will feature works from Almuth Tebbenhoff and Johannes von Stumm. It represents an exciting new departure for the museum. Adrian Green, the museum's Director says, 'Our temporary exhibitions at the museum have primarily showcased historic art of national and international importance. Our 'Wessex Plinth' extends this programme beyond the walls of the museum and will be an opportunity for us to work with living artists who can respond to our medieval building and our nationally important collections, either with existing pieces or new works of art.'

Bridget McCrum's work will be on display from 24 November, until 14 February 2018.

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**Images:**

*Solstice*

Bronze - an edition of 9

280 x 46 x 18 cms

Bridget McCrum, RWA, FRBS

Bridget McCrum is represented by Messums, Wiltshire

[www.messumswiltshire.com](http://www.messumswiltshire.com)

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**Inside the museum the current exhibitions are:**

**Terry Pratchett: HisWorld**

16 September 2017 – 14 January 2018

**Paul Kidby: The Charmed Realm**

2 September 2017 – 6 January 2018

Normal admission charges apply

£7.50 Adult, £3.60 Child, £18.50 Family

Tickets can be purchased online

<http://salisbury.merlintickets.co.uk/product/ADMW000004>

Museum opening hours:

Monday – Saturday 10am – 5pm

Sundays (until 14 January 2018) 12 midday – 5pm

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