

**3 Japanese screen, c. 1750**  
Gold foil, ink and colour, ht 125cm  
Helena Markus at Pan Amsterdam

**4 Attic black-figure amphora**  
Leagros group, c. 515–500 BC  
Terracotta, ht 43.2cm  
Royal Athena Galleries at Basel  
Ancient Art Fair



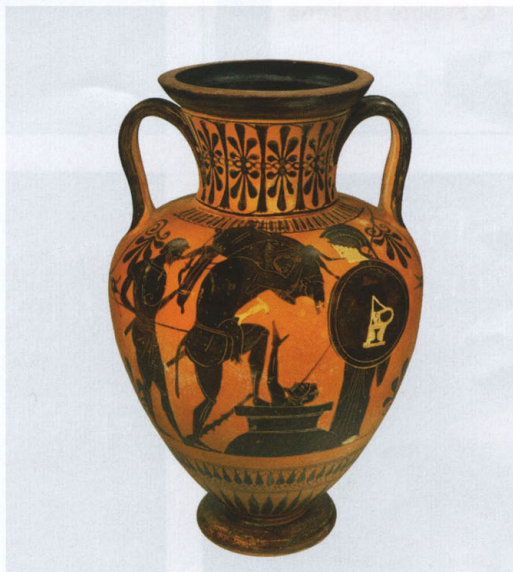
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and modern and antique furniture, the fair also offers Asian, African and Pre-Columbian art and contemporary Japanese and South Korean painting. Particular highlights this year include a still life composition by Pieter Claesz (1597–1661; Fig. 2) with Douwes Fine Art, and a superb Edo period Japanese screen with falcons on each of its eight panels, with Helena Markus (Fig. 3; [www.pan.nl](http://www.pan.nl)).

Madrid plays host to the 34th **Feriarte**, Spain's leading art and antiques fair (20–28 November; Feria de Madrid). An anticipated 18,000 works, ranging from furniture, decorative arts, antiquities, paintings, African, Oriental and Latin American art are on offer with 125 exhibitors. New to this year's fair is the Young Collectors' Gallery, designed to entice a younger generation with decorative arts priced below \$3,000 ([www.ifema.es](http://www.ifema.es)).

Timed to coincide with National Antiques Week is London's 20th **Winter Fine Art and Antiques Fair**, Olympia (15–21 November; Olympia Exhibition Centre). Among the many highlights on offer is John Singer Sargent's *Head of a Woman with Gold Earrings* (c. 1878–80), with Trinity House, on sale for £1.7m. A collection of Morris and Co. original drawings for tile designs in pencil, pen and ink is with Campbell Wilson and a poster design by Picasso is with Sylvia Powell (Fig. 1; [www.olympia-antiques.com](http://www.olympia-antiques.com)).

Belgium's **Antica Namur** fair returns for its 34th edition (11–21 November; Namur Expo), and has widened its focus from classical antiquities to include 20th-century art. This year's theme is 'artists' workshops', for which a portion of the 140-strong list of participating galleries will offer sketches, notebooks and unfinished works from artists' studios. A 'Treasure Hunt Day', during which



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access to the fair is free, is designed to entice new visitors and younger collectors ([www.antica.be](http://www.antica.be)).

The 42nd **Fair for Arts and Antiques** at Vienna's Hofburg Palace (6–14 November) sees around 50 – mainly Austrian – galleries showcase an impressive array of turn-of-the-century Austrian art. Bel Etage, returning to the fair after a 10-year absence, offers a superb array of glassware, vases, figures and reliefs, and the Albertina Gallery shows a brooch by Hans Bolek designed for the Wiener Werkstätten and an Egon Schiele gouache depicting a female nude. Patrick Kovacs, specialist in art deco pieces, exhibits two *modelli* by Georg Leisek – a girl with a fish and a boy with a seal – created around 1914 for the Diana Swimming Pool in Vienna's centre ([www.kunstmessewien.at](http://www.kunstmessewien.at)). **A**

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Reithalle Wenkenhof, Riehen  
5–10 November  
[www.baaf.ch](http://www.baaf.ch)

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Volkswagen Berlin showrooms  
5–14 November  
[www.arsnobilis-kunstmesse.de](http://www.arsnobilis-kunstmesse.de)

### Fair for Arts and Antiques

Hofburg Palace, Vienna  
6–14 November  
[www.kunstmessewien.at](http://www.kunstmessewien.at)

### Gotha International Antique Exhibition

Palacassa Fiere di Parma  
6–14 November  
[www.fiereparma.it](http://www.fiereparma.it)

### Antica Namur

Namur Expo  
11–21 November  
[www.antica.be](http://www.antica.be)

### Winter Fine Art and Antiques

Olympia Exhibition Centre, London  
15–21 November  
[www.olympia-antiques.com](http://www.olympia-antiques.com)

### Cologne Fine Art and Antiques

Köln Messe  
17–21 November  
[www.cfaa-fair.com](http://www.cfaa-fair.com)

### Milan International Antiques and Modern Art Fair

Giardini Indro Montanelli  
18–21 November  
[www.artissima.it](http://www.artissima.it)

### Feriarte

Feria de Madrid  
20–28 November  
[www.ifema.es](http://www.ifema.es)

### Pan Amsterdam

Amsterdam RAI Parkhal  
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