



BARBARA HEPWORTH

TATE BRITAIN EXHIBITION

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY

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In her own time, Barbara Hepworth was internationally-renowned, one of the most successful artists in the Western World. Born in Wakefield in 1903, she travelled through the Yorkshire landscape with her surveyor father, until the landscape entered her bloodstream. She trained at Leeds School of Art and the Royal College, went to Florence, Rome and Siena with the sculptor John Skeaping, married him in 1925, became a pioneer of 'direct carving' straight into the block, gave birth to her son Paul in 1929, joined the London Group and the Seven and Five Society with Ivon Hitchens and others, met Ben Nicholson, gave birth to triplets by him in 1934 and married him in 1938. Together they established links with the continental avant-garde, visiting the studios of Arp, Mondrian, Brancusi, Braque and Picasso. They joined the continental group Abstraction-Creation, and were major figures in Paul Nash's Unit One. Hepworth spent her last 35 years in St Ives inspired by the Cornish landscape as she had previously been by that of Yorkshire. With her long-standing friend the potter Bernard Leach, she was awarded the Freedom of St Ives in 1968. Tate Britain now opens the first major Barbara Hepworth exhibition in London for almost fifty years, charting Hepworth's progress from small carvings made as a young woman to the magnificent bronzes that became part of the great sculpture collections of the world. It will present many of her surviving pre-war carvings, and some of her most significant sculptures in wood, stone and bronze. The exhibition will also encompass rarely seen works, including textiles, drawings, collages and photograms.

MEET 10.30 am coffee for I Iam lecture at Tate Britain

ENDS 4 pm Tate Britain

COST £75 members, £85 non-members, including coffee, private lecture, lunch, exhibition entry

BARBARA HEPWORTH IN WAKEFIELD

MAJOR EXHIBITIONS IN HER HOME COUNTY

WEDNESDAY 2 TO THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Please note this study day is perfectly complemented by INSCAPE's tour to Wakefield, led by Nicholas Friend. Full details to follow.