



*"Great realist sculpture is born  
from where art and science meet"*

**MEDIA RELEASE**

# **Impressive Sculpture made in Devon**

**A memorial to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, by Devon sculptor Andrew Sinclair MRSS, is to be unveiled by the Duke of Wellington OBE DL on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the Regiment's home in Halifax.**

The sculpture, which is 12ft tall and weighs 1.5 tonnes, has been created to commemorate over 300 years of service to the nation by the Regiment fondly referred to as 'The Dukes', to reflect their history and spirit. The sculpture is focused around 4 soldiers, each representing a key moment in the Regiment's history; a soldier from the War of Independence, a Sargeant from the Napoleonic War, a WW1 Officer 'going over the top' and the modern soldier standing guard at the top of the edifice.

The impressive piece has been created by internationally-renowned figurative sculptor, Andrew Sinclair MRSS, whose skill in realist sculpting and fascination for military history has proved to be a winning partnership. He explains; *'Good figurative sculpture represents years of skill and personal development. It's truly where science meets art. Design is in the detail, which in this case meant working with historians and re-enactors, something I really enjoyed and could not be more appropriate to my way of working.'*

Andrew's greatest challenge was the accuracy of the uniforms, right down to the last button! The sculpture was made using a lost wax process then moulded in phosphor bronze, a traditional medium, to give it the rich conker-like tone. A staggering 84 moulds were created to make this remarkable piece of art. Andrew is no stranger to complex designs and is known to create works of art that tell a story, like his most famous piece, the acclaimed David Bowie sculpture in Aylesbury. Andrew continues; *"There is a complex story within this design. The narrative is engaging, similar to a Baroque painting and has been created to draw the observer in with additional references that are pertinent to the Regiment's history like the Drum Elephant and the Rugby Player.'* The technique he uses, The Sinclair Method™ is one he shares with his

students at The Sculpture School in Devon, where he shares his knowledge on contemporary realist sculpture.

The memorial arrives back from the foundry to Andrew's studio at the beginning of April. It will undergo the finishing touches and patination before it is transported up in one piece up to Halifax on 14<sup>th</sup> May ready for its unveiling.

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#### **Notes to Editor:**

**Opportunity to film/photograph the assembling of the sculpture first week in April TBC.**

**Opportunity to film/photograph the loading and departure of the sculpture May 14<sup>th</sup> TBC.**

**Location: The Sculpture School, Burnswood Studios, Bondleigh, North Tawton, Devon EX20 2AP**

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**Andrew is very available for interview/commentary on this or other related topics.**

#### **Andrew Sinclair**

Andrew Sinclair MRBS is recognised as a master of world-class figurative sculpture. Andrew is very happy to be interviewed and is a true master in his field and a voice of authority when it comes to figurative sculpture – having invented the unique 'The Sinclair Method' of sculpting which students from all over the world come to the school to learn.

Andrew is the sculptor behind the acclaimed global tribute to David Bowie unveiled in Aylesbury in 2018.

Andrew's impressive catalogue of work graces distinguished historical properties and public places such as the Royal Box at Ascot, Epsom Racecourse, and Crosby Hall (Sir Thomas Moore's old palace) in London. Working to commission during his 25-year professional career, Andrew's sculptures are in collections across the globe. The late poet and publisher Felix Denis was his patron for many years, significantly he chose Andrew to sculpt his bronze memorial sculptures, which are now situated in The heart of England Forest and at Felix's Garden of Heroes and Villains near Stratford Upon Avon.

In addition to his sculpture work, Andrew conducts lectures to surgeons on anatomy and also to arts students on visual effects.

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#### **The Sculpture School**

The Sculpture School is recognised as Britain's leading centre for mastering the art of figurative sculpture. Our courses led by world-renowned sculptor Andrew Sinclair MRBS, offer an inspiring insight into the methods and tools needed to create breathtakingly realistic figures and animals. Using methodology devised by Andrew, you will develop the skills to create stunning works of art. Whether you are a novice or professional, the school claims to help students unleash their talent and take their skills to the next level.

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## **The Duke Of Wellington's Regiment Memorial Fund**

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