

Cynthia Valianti Corbett, Director/ Curator, Cynthia Corbett Gallery & Young Masters Art Prize

Cynthia Valianti Corbett (b, Marlborough, MA, USA) holds a BA (Magna Cum Laude) in Political Science from UMASS Amherst and a MALD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. She was the recipient of the 2020 Tufts University Alumni Award with a Career Service Citation in recognition of her achievements and contribution to the international art world. She trained as an art historian at Christie's Education before establishing her gallery in 2004. Prior to this, she had a high-profile career as an international economist specialising in emerging markets, based in New York and London. Cynthia launched the Young Masters Art Prize in 2009, a unique not-for-profit initiative which celebrates artistic skill and innovation with awareness of the art from the past. The Young Masters Ceramics Prize was created in 2014 and 2017 saw the addition of the Young Masters Emerging Women Artist Award. She curated the post-pandemic art project, *Focus on the Female* in London during the summer 2021. This platform was designed to support women artists at a critical moment in art history. Most recently Cynthia co-curated with Daisy McMullan the 2022/23 **Young Masters Exhibition** at The Exhibitionist and Gainsborough Hotels in collaboration with Vestalia Chilton to raise funds for the **Young Masters Art Prize 6<sup>th</sup> edition** planned for 2023.