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CRAFT FAIR

SELVEDGE ADVENT FESTIVAL

HIGHGATE, N6

If you're in the mood for a crafty Christmas, be a Wise Man (or indeed Woman) and head to Highgate this month for a wealth of artisanal inspiration. This week-long festival celebrates designers with unique buys for discerning gift-givers, and workshops for those looking to put something really special (read: handmade) under the tree. The Merchants' Fair, an international textile market, kicks off proceedings and offers fine fabrics and haberdashery from across the globe, from vintage lace to kantha quilts, and a wealth of beautiful textiles in between. Meanwhile Highgate's Selvedge store will host a series of festive workshops that'll have you block-printing your own Christmas wrap by hand, whipping up a beautiful wreath, and even icing like a pro with Biscuiteers. Curated by the team behind Selvedge magazine, this year's festival is a must for local craft-lovers.

St Augustine's Church Hall, Langdon Park Road, N6 and Selvedge, 362 Archway Road, N6 (selvedge.org)



18 NOV-2 JAN

FESTIVAL

WINTER WONDERLAND

HYDE PARK, W2

An awful lot has changed since 2007, but one thing's for sure: this sparkling celebration of all things Christmas is a reassuringly consistent date in the Capital's festive calendar. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, London's best-loved seasonal spectacular returns with a line-up that's guaranteed to get you into the spirit – no ice queens or Scrooges need enter. The UK's largest outdoor ice rink is back, as is the iconic Giant Observation Wheel. This year's Magical Ice Kingdom presents *An Arctic Adventure*, which promises icebergs, shipwrecks, polar bears, and of course, an awe-inspiring display of ice and snow sculpture. Zippos Circus is back in town, too, with a daytime family show followed by the death-defying gulps-fest that is Cirque Berserk. You've been warned: expect heart-in-your-mouth stuff, but also a (Santa's) sack-load of magic. Hyde Park, W2 (hydeparkwinterwonderland.com)

Image: Bjarne Melgaard - Unstilled Fear of Jan. April, 2007

16 NOV-28 FEB

EXHIBITION

PAINTERS' PAINTERS

SAATCHI GALLERY, SW3

The Saatchi Gallery's major autumn exhibition celebrates the artists of today who inspire the artists of tomorrow, and features nine internationally renowned painters: Richard Aldrich, David Brian Smith, Dexter Dalwood, Raffi Kalenderian, Ansel Krut, Martin Maloney, Bjarne Melgaard, Ryan Mosley and David Salle. *Painters' Painters* links these artists for the first time, not through any discernable style or movement, but in fact, through their distinct differences: the show examines the individualistic and nonconformist approach of these present-day painters – the rebels of the contemporary art world – who've forged their own paths, paradoxically becoming both mainstream and niche at once, and in the process, encouraging a younger generation of artists to do the same. Inspiring stuff! King's Road, SW3 (020 7811 3070; saatchigallery.com)

