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ANNOUNCING “THE BROTHERS ROBINSON”: THE SECOND EXHIBITION FROM THE NEW HEATH ROBINSON MUSEUM IN PINNER

21 January – 26 March 2017

While William Heath Robinson (1872-1944) achieved world renown as an artist, illustrator and cartoonist, his two brothers Tom and Charles were also prodigiously talented and acclaimed illustrators. As part of the Special Exhibition programme in this brand-new custom-built museum inspired by and dedicated to older brother William, we are delighted to announce a new exhibition launching on 21 January and bringing together the work of all three brothers.

Curated by Robinson family descendant Peter Higginson, who chairs the William Heath Robinson Trust, this exhibition will run until 26 March and showcases some 60 pieces of the brothers' original artwork for book and magazine illustration - many of them exhibited here for the first time.



It will also include examples of books the brothers illustrated.

This special exhibition not only reveals the sheer quality and imaginative range of each of the brothers' work, it also considers how questions of family, brotherhood, and collaboration played a crucial part in their artistic development.

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There was little sibling rivalry at play: while each artist would follow his own particular direction, often their work was to share common themes, such as fantasyland, children and the 'far away'.



Peter Higginson says: “Tom, Charles and Will were like a family dynamo of creativity who were fortunate to be present at one of the most exciting moments in the history of illustration. They admired and respected each other profoundly. Never a cruel word was spoken. Effectively, this was to result in a continual nurturing of each other’s individual talents.”

With Tom and Will living near each other in Pinner, a favourite family pastime was setting off to walk in the surrounding countryside to a local hostelry; the Crown in Stanmore was a favourite and the Queen’s Head in Pinner also featured in popular places to stop. Other friends and artists came to join them, and soon the ‘The Loyal Federation of Frothfinders’ was founded. To complement the exhibition, the museum is launching a special locally-brewed Frothfinders ale that will be available in the museum shop during February.

During the exhibition, the museum will open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11am-4pm. For more details of all museum activities, or to organise group visits, please see the museum web site heathrobinsonmuseum.org.