



Der Kuss © Claudio Gotsch, lumas.com

Love at LUMAS – The Most Beautiful Valentine’s Day Gift Ideas

Berlin, 9th January 2019 – “When you realise you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible.” With these words, Harry won Sally’s heart in the 1989 romantic comedy *When Harry Met Sally*.

The art gallery LUMAS is also celebrating love, not with a grand speech, but with a new small open edition. The large-format limited edition of Claudio Gotsch’s “Der Kuss” (German for “The Kiss”) is already sold out, but just in time for Valentine’s Day, it is available in a smaller size – a perfect, romantic gift.

In order to photographically capture animals in very endearing moments, Gotsch waits for hours in a camouflaged tent. “The animals have to come to me, and not the other way around,” Gotsch explains. In his black-and-white photographs dedicated to the wildlife of the Alps, the artist shows just how spellbinding these encounters can be.

Right on time for Valentine’s Day, LUMAS is releasing “Der Kuss” as a small open edition mounted under glossy acrylic glass and with a black, aluminium ArtBox frame for £159.



La Tour Eiffel, Lude N° 11, Antoinette Tropical © left to right: Pep Ventosa, Isabelle Menin, Olaf Hajek, lumas.com

Paris is quite possibly more widely associated with romance and love than any other city in the world. Spanish artist Pep Ventosa made an iconic symbol of the French capital the focal point of his piece, a part of his project, *The Collective Snapshot*. This artwork is assembled from hundreds of individual photographs into one cohesive composition, giving it depth and spectacular perspectives.

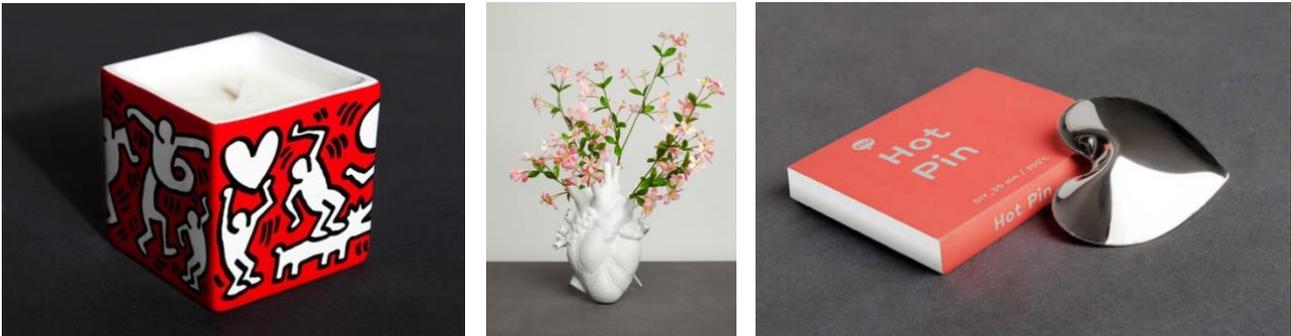
“La Tour Eiffel” is available in two sizes and starts at £449.

Flowers that last a lifetime? Isabelle Menin's "Lude No. 11" presents an opportunity to bring home a very special Valentine's Day bouquet. The Belgian artist focuses on nature in her work, creating unique collages that are luminous and colourful. The flowers are individually photographed and then put together into a composition, which Menin describes as "distorted nature."

This artwork is available for £94 in the size 34 x 34 cm.

German illustrator Olaf Hajek is internationally celebrated and has worked for publications around the world including *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, and *Rolling Stone*. His work stands apart for his unmistakable style characterised by rich colours and narrative images that whisk the viewer away into foreign cultures.

In the *Flowerheads* series, Hajek combines the art of portrait and still-life painting to create something entirely new. "Antoinette Tropical" is available in two sizes from £399.



White on Red – Perfumed Candle, Love in Bloom, Hot Heart © left to right: Keith Haring, Marcantonio, Oscar Zieta, lumas.com

What would Valentine's Day be without the heart, THE symbol of love?

When it comes to creating the right atmosphere, leave it to a perfumed candle adorned with a popular Keith Haring print. It fills the room with the subtle scent of plums. At 8 x 8 cm, this excellent romantic gift comes in at £69. "Love in Bloom", Marcantonio's 25 x 16.5 cm porcelain vase in the shape of a human heart, is a stylish way to display flowers and is available for £65. Another highlight is Oscar Zieta's "Hot Heart". This steel heart first reaches its final, sculptural form after it has been heated up in the oven. It is then ready to go on the wall as a beautiful coat hook with a 10 cm diameter. Its purchase price is £45.

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About LUMAS

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