

Check out [MentoringBrothers.org](#) to learn more



## Art

### Art Finder

Search for exhibition

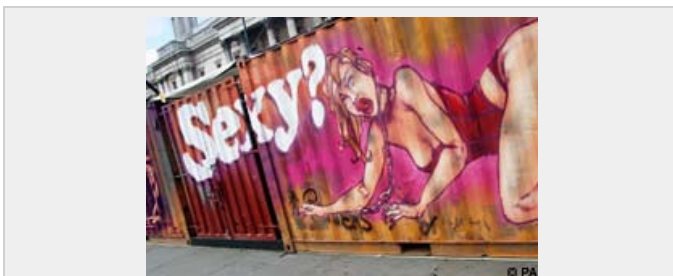
Search by area

GO

GO

# Art for humanity's sake reveals sex trade horror

Jo McDermott, Evening Standard  
24 Sep 2007



Stop the traffic: Images on the transport containers in Trafalgar Square underline the reality behind London's thriving trade in women for sex

Long queues greeted the launch of the latest artwork to take up residence in [Trafalgar Square](#) - seven transport containers illustrating the suffering of women trafficked as sex slaves.

The installation was championed by actress [Emma Thompson](#), along with human rights campaigner Helen Bamber and Sam Roddick, daughter of the late [Body Shop](#) founder Anita.

The crates are the kind used to smuggle people into [Britain](#), but have been painted with images designed to shock the viewer into awareness of the realities of the sex trade.

Together they form an installation, Journey, which represents the experiences of sex slaves as they are brought into this country.

Members of the public yesterday wandered inside the seven crates - individually titled Hope, The Journey, The Uniform, The Bedroom, The Customer, The Stigma and Resurrection - moving from a simple bedroom in a family home to the horror of a locked room in [London](#), where the newly broken prostitute might be expected to service 40 clients a day.

Visitors to the exhibit were invited to sign a petition asking the Government to ratify the European Convention Against Trafficking.

Oscar-winner Thompson, who heads the trustees of the Helen Bamber Foundation Trust, said: "Londoners are not aware of sex trafficking, but it's right on their doorstep.

"Last year I met a woman whose life had been taken away through trafficking. She had been around the corner from my house in a massage parlour." Thompson added: "I felt that because it is the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade, we had an opportunity to highlight the slave trade still going on."

[Ken Livingstone](#), the Mayor of London, agreed to mount the show in Trafalgar Square after Thompson used her high profile to secure an interview with him.

The installation will move to [Glasgow](#) and [Liverpool](#) later this year, after which Thompson hopes to take it to the Eastern European countries where many victims originate.

### Sponsored links

Ads by Google

**Expat? £25k-£1m Savings**

Free Savings, Pension & Investment Report For All Expats. Request Now!

**Control Your UK Pension**

£60k-£1.8m in UK Pensions Get Your Free Guide to QROPS & Expert Advice

????????

??,???,??,???????? ????,25??  
??!

**Looking To Live Near DC?**

Search Our Site To Rent An Apt In Silver Springs, MD. Register Today!

SEARCH

AVAILABLE UNTIL 13 FEBRUARY

### Dine at 20 top London restaurants from £10

BOOK NOW

SEE MORE VIDEOS AT JOOST.COM

### Premium Video Content at Your FingerTips!

joost™

### Critics choice

#### Top Five Exhibition



**Cezanne's Card Players**

The Courtauld Gallery  
Somerset House, Strand, WC2R 0RN



**Bridget Riley: Paintings and Related Work**

National Gallery  
Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN

**Journey Through The Afterlife: The Ancient Egyptian Book Of The Dead**

British Museum  
Great Russell Street, WC1B 3DG

**Thomas Lawrence: Regency Power and Brilliance**

National Portrait Gallery  
WC2

Learn the many things you can do to help prevent your child's asthma attacks.

### Latest pictures



The BRIT Awards 2011 Nominations Party



Red carpet out for The Green Hornet Premiere

Four thousand women are working as prostitutes after being smuggled into the UK, according to a recent report by the joint Lords and Commons Human Rights Committee.

It said that a decade ago 85 per cent of women working in brothels were UK citizens, but today 85 per cent come from overseas. England is now thought to be Europe's sex-slavery capital, with three quarters of London's prostitutes coming from abroad.

The Journey containers will be open every day until Sunday between noon and 8pm.

SHARE

# Internet Explorer cannot display the webpage

Also on this topic

- ▶ Slick, sleek and chic
- ▶ Lily and Amy fly the flag at MTV
- ▶ Crystal Palace dinosaurs are preserved in stone
- ▶ Bolshoi is saved by Boris and the Russian billionaires

## Sponsored links

Ads by Google

**Expat? £25k-£1m Savings**  
Free Savings, Pension & Investment Report For All Expats. Request Now!  
[www.OffshoreInvestmentDesigner.com](http://www.OffshoreInvestmentDesigner.com)

**Control Your UK Pension**  
£60k-£1.8m in UK Pensions Get Your Free Guide to QROPS & Expert Advice  
[www.Expatra.com/Advice/QROPS](http://www.Expatra.com/Advice/QROPS)

**Looking To Live Near DC?**  
Search Our Site To Rent An Apt In Silver Springs, MD. Register Today!  
[www.Sublet.com](http://www.Sublet.com)

**Free Downloadable Videos**  
Download The Most Viewed End Time Free Bible Prophecy Videos Online!  
[www.WorldsLastChance.com/Videos](http://www.WorldsLastChance.com/Videos)

## Reader views (2)

Add your comments

Wait a minute, I'm on to something here...

The sexy lady = sex. The transport containers = transport or traffic. Put those two together and you get sex trafficking! How extremely clever!

This whole daub holds the beauty and subtless of an ugly poster competition, competed between primary school students with extreme rheumatism of the fingers.

I don't mind it being there, it's raises an important issue. Just don't call it "artwork".

- Harry Paye, London., 28/09/2007 00:20

Report abuse





I'm going up to town on Thursday and I hope to be able to see them. I think the husband would be interested as well. I'll tell him about it: we're due for a gallery opening in Bond Street later on. It would be an interesting contrast.

- Carlyle Braden, Croydon, UK, 25/09/2007 07:13

Report abuse

Add your comment



 Leicester Square hosts Morning Glory Premiere	 Favourite stars at People's Choice Awards 2011
 Celebs at premiere of	 Dancing On Ice 2011

**Free app** >

The London Evening Standard on your **Smart Phone**



FOLLOW US ON



[twitter.com/standardshowbiz](http://twitter.com/standardshowbiz)

Name:

Town and country:

Your comment:

[Terms and conditions](#)

You have characters left.

[Make text area bigger](#)

We welcome your opinions. This is a public forum. Libellous and abusive comments are not allowed. Please read our [House Rules](#).

I agree to the House Rules.

Remember me - this will save your name and location for when you leave your next comment.

For information about privacy and cookies please read our [Privacy Policy](#).

[Archive](#) | [Sitemap](#) | [RSS](#) | [Contact](#) | [Text only version](#) | [Newsletter signup](#) | [Top of page](#)

This is London Magazine Ltd

[Daily Mail](#)

[Mail on Sunday](#)

[The Independent](#)

[This is Money](#)

[Metro](#)

[Loot](#) | [Jobsite](#) | [Homes & Property](#) | [London jobs](#) | [Educate London](#)

London  
**Evening  
Standard**

Now incorporating  
**thislondon**  
the entertainment guide

**Homes&  
Property**

© 2011 ES London Limited [Terms](#) [Privacy policy](#) [Brand advertising](#) [Small business advertising](#) [Promotion rules](#)