

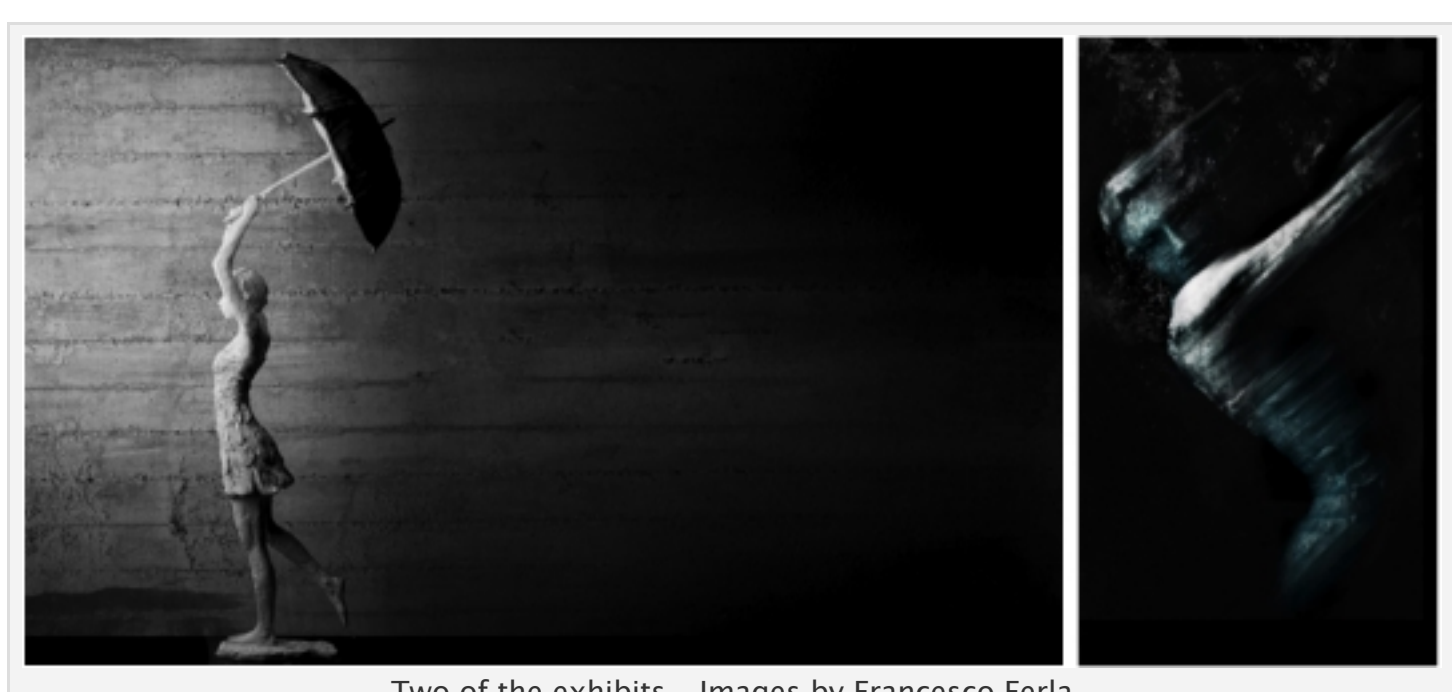
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## ELEMENTAL at the Portland Gallery

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### An Exhibition of Sculpture by David Williams-Ellis 3rd - 23rd December 2014



Two of the exhibits - Images by Francesco Ferla

The internationally celebrated sculptor, David Williams-Ellis's eagerly anticipated solo sculpture exhibition, ELEMENTAL, will now be taking place from the 3rd - 23rd December 2014. The original November dates have been changed so that The Portland Gallery can dedicate even more space to fully capture the power and size of Williams-Ellis's new work.

There will be 21 pieces for sale in the exhibition, including 19 new sculptures, many of which are on show for the very first time.

Williams-Ellis's newest work portrays the impact of wind, rain and earth on the human form. The work, mainly in bronze, ranges from small, desk-top figures and busts to substantial sculptures created to stand boldly in a landscape or garden.

For the last 12 years, Cumbria-based Williams-Ellis has been travelling and building up a substantial international following, creating work for clients, both private and corporate, all over the world, from Milan, Mustique and Mykonos to the US, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Tokyo. Returning to focus on working in Britain, he has been hugely inspired by his native Cumbria.

*'I am drawn to the wild weather and its effect on this rugged landscape and the people in it - I wanted to explore the relationship between the elements and us,'* says Williams-Ellis.

The sense of movement in Williams-Ellis's sculpture has always thrust it way beyond the ornamental and now his new series of umbrella girls takes this talent for harnessing energy a step further, representing his fascination with the way an umbrella can enclose and animate the negative space around a figure, imbuing it with even more vitality. His newest figure, 'Squall', is a life-sized female form leaping into the heart of a squall and is a perfect example of Williams-Ellis's mastery of motion. She appears to strain at her bronze bounds as though Williams-Ellis has imprisoned the very essences of fire, earth, air or water within the form.

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#### David Williams-Ellis

David Williams-Ellis's ([www.dwe.com](http://www.dwe.com)) artistic heritage is rooted in North Wales where his great uncle, the architect Clough Williams-Ellis, designed and built the Italianate village Portmeirion. His sister, Bronwyn, is a renowned ceramicist.

Williams-Ellis learnt to carve wood and to draw in Florence where he was taught by legendary teacher Signorina Nerina Simi. He went on to join later a community of marble sculptors at Pietrasanta under the Carrara mountains before returning to Britain to sculpt professionally.

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