

# THE BECKFORD SOCIETY

## THE BECKFORD LECTURE



DR STEPHEN LLOYD

*“A fairy palace” and “a desert of magnificence”:  
Richard Cosway’s 20 Stratford Place and William Beckford’s  
Fonthill Abbey.*

THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2019  
AT 6.30 PM

THE TRAVELLERS CLUB  
106 PALL MALL, LONDON SW1

DRINKS WILL BE SERVED FROM 6.00 PM

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Dr Stephen Lloyd is a historian of art, and Curator of the Derby Collection, Knowsley Hall, Merseyside. He curated the *Richard & Maria Cosway: Regency Artists of Taste and Fashion* exhibition (NPG Edinburgh and London, 1995-6). He previously worked as Senior Curator of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery.

Following the success of the Society's previous dinners, the seventeenth Beckford Dinner will be held after the lecture. Dinner will be at 7.45pm.

The cost of dinner is £75 (including wine), but as in previous years members are welcome without charge to attend the lecture and not the dinner if they wish.

If you would like to attend, please complete the form opposite and return to the Secretary at the address below or via email by Monday 7 October, together with a cheque made payable to 'The International Beckford Society', or payment to our bank account at Lloyds, Milsom Street, Bath.

Sort Code: 30-90-54 Account Number 01890277

It would be helpful if members/guests requiring a vegetarian choice could indicate this when replying.

To assist arrangements, please will members who plan to attend the lecture *but not stay to dinner*, advise the Secretary.

Under Travellers Club rules, gentlemen are required to wear a jacket and tie or national dress. Ladies are permitted to wear trouser suits although skirts are preferred. Jeans and trainers are not permitted.

### Illustrations:

John Hoppner, *William Beckford* (Salford Museum and Art Gallery, currently on loan to Beckford's Tower).  
Richard Cosway, *Self-portrait in Vandyke dress* c.1770 (National Trust, Attingham Park)

BECKFORD LECTURE AND DINNER – 2019

I/We will attend the Beckford Lecture/the Beckford Lecture and Dinner

Name/s

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Address

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Telephone number .....

Email .....

I/We should like the vegetarian choice [            ] please tick

Please also indicate whether you have any dietary requirements

I/We enclose a cheque for ..... places at £75 each

Or I/We have made a bank transfer for £ .....

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