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Ai Weiwei first outdoor public sculpture in London announced

Ai Weiwei's first outdoor public sculpture in London to go on display at Somerset House. **Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads** to be the first contemporary sculpture to be exhibited in the historic courtyard of Somerset House 12 May - 26 June 2011.

Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads by Chinese artist Ai Weiwei will be the first contemporary sculpture to go on display in the historic courtyard of Somerset House. The first European venue of this international touring exhibition, **Circle of Animals** at Somerset House will also be the first major public outdoor sculpture installation by the artist in London. The installation will comprise 12 monumental bronze animal heads, re-creations of the traditional Chinese zodiac sculptures which once adorned the fountain-clock of Yuanming Yuan, an 18th century imperial retreat just outside Beijing. The heads will be installed in an arc around Somerset House's Edmond J. Safra Fountain Court in a close recreation of how they were originally displayed at Yuanming Yuan.

Pictured: Menagerie of of beasts in Ai Weiwei's Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads

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