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Anna Hunter, owner of Belgravia Gallery, displays a 20-year-old painting by Prince Charles of Double Haven in the New Territories. Photo: KY. Cheng

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【本報訊】英國王儲查里斯與已故王妃戴安娜的童話式婚禮，早已成過去，但一個英國皇家成員藝術展內的兩件展品，可窺探兩人曾共同度過的甜蜜時光。1989年兩人訪港令全城一迷，查里斯與妻子坐在皇家遊艇，繪下本港印洲塘的風光，並製作版畫；同年戴安娜出訪紐約，更因而破天荒訂製3個銀蘋果贈予隨從，可見彼時心情何等愉快。

倫敦 Belgravia Gallery 與置地即日起至 2 月 11 日，在中環交易廣場展出英國皇室成員 38 幅作品，包括查里斯 14 幅畫作，一幅是他 1989 年與戴安娜訪港時，乘坐皇家遊艇遠眺印洲塘的風光。

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認識查里斯已久的 Anna 說，他熱愛藝術並曾獲 Florence Biennale 選為最佳藝術家，常以水彩繪畫，然後讓藝術家 Stanley Jones 以人手製作限量版畫，部份售作慈善用途，上述的印洲塘作品曾售逾 20 萬港元。

同場展出戴安娜設計的銀製蘋果，刻有頂皇冠的 D 字，是她 1989 年出訪紐約時，訂製贈予當時的隨從，Anna 解釋：「這不是一般官式禮物，紐約又叫 Big Apple，可見她的創意；送如此獨特的禮物給隨從，可見她是體貼、大方的女子。」



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▲英國畫廊 Belgravia Gallery 主人 Anna Hunter (右圖)，專程把 38 幅王室珍品帶來香江展出，包括她身旁王儲查里斯的水彩畫。畫作是 1989 年查里斯來港(上圖)時，在王室遊艇不列顛尼亞號上描畫西貢印洲塘景致，捕捉船上英國海軍旗幟飄揚的一刻。(陳家俊攝)



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