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LONDON-BASED CHILEAN ARTIST MARIA LUISA HERNANDEZ, WHO HAS EXHIBITED HER ARTWORKS IN CITIES AROUND THE WORLD SUCH AS NEW YORK, DUBLIN AND SANTIAGO, REVEALS THE IDYLIC CHARM OF HER CHIC NEIGHBOURHOOD.

At the centre of it

I live and work in Chelsea in southwest London. My studio is located in an industrial area called The Old Gas Works. The great thing about this place is that it is located in the heart of Chelsea, one of the most beautiful neighbourhoods in London. I find the architecture of my studio very interesting with its high ceilings – the kind you see in old churches.

Style and harmony

I've lived in many different areas here but this location is superb; it's so central and very conducive for creative work. Although Chelsea is predominantly a residential area, there's also a long street full of shops, bars and restaurants. The architecture in the area is very pretty. There is an individual style in every corner but it all exists in harmony with each other. It's full of old world character and yet so contemporary at the same time.

Artistic association

I am a member of The Chelsea Arts Club, a private club exclusively for artists, writers, dancers and other intelligentsia which is located in the Old Church Street. It's one of the oldest clubs for artists. It was founded by artist James Abbott McNeill Whistler in 1891 and was frequented by such legends as artist Joseph Mallord William Turner.

Urban escapade

Although life London can be very exciting with everything the city has to offer in terms of culture and entertainment, I feel quite lucky to live in a place that has easy access to a park with lakes and ducks. It almost feels like you are in the countryside even when you are living in the heart of one of the most bustling cities in the world. A few other places like The Saatchi Gallery located a few steps from Sloane Square, the antique shops at Lots Road are also some of my favourite haunts here. And sometimes you'll make a beautiful discovery by just walking along New Kings Road that is dotted with shops and cafes.