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## Forget Socrates, it's stuffed foxes now for Harry

HARRY Styles, already outed by the Londoner as a fan of Greek philosophy, has revealed himself as a contemporary art lover. The One Direction heartthrob turned up yesterday at Art13, the Olympia art fair, and spent hours looking at the pictures and sculptures, coming away with a clutch of purchases.

"I'm moving so I'm looking for new stuff for my home," Harry told the Londoner at yesterday's opening, where Royal Academy chief executive Charles Saumarez Smith and gallery owner Laura Parker Bowles, daughter of Camilla, also wandered around. "I'm still thinking what but I like Polly Morgan's stuff."

Morgan is the taxidermy artist whose work at the show included a dead fox entwined in an octopus tentacle being pecked by hummingbirds.

Styles was also interested in a large canvas by Indonesian artist Yunizar

and in the end bought four or five pieces, including one by south London artist Ben Turnbull, who has recently exhibited a series of collages and sculptures on American superhero culture.

This budding Renaissance man, still just 19, is said to have just bought a new house in north London, though his friend Ed Sheeran says despite Harry having two big properties, he often goes to stay round at friends' houses because he likes the company.

Styles formed an unlikely friendship with philosopher Alain de Botton when they met at a private party last month and the author tweeted a picture of the pair grinning happily with Jemima Khan hanging from their necks. "We talk Plato, Aristotle, love and beauty," reported de Botton. Harry went on to tweet about what a marvellous chap Socrates was.