

NORTHUMBERLAND GALLERIES GO INTERNATIONAL

Three leading Northumberland art galleries will be exhibiting work to thousands of visitors at one of the largest art fairs in the UK.

The Alan Reed Watercolour Gallery located in Ponteland, The Mick Oxley Gallery located in Craster and the Tallantyre Gallery in Morpeth will join galleries from around the UK and abroad to take part in the NewcastleGateshead Art Fair 09, held in the landmark Norman Foster designed building The Sage Gateshead from October 2 to October 4.

The Alan Reed Watercolour Gallery houses a collection of watercolour paintings of landscapes and city capes from around the world. The Mick Oxley Gallery exhibits the artists' watercolour and acrylic seascapes. The Tallantyre Gallery boasts a vast collection of art, showcasing a spectrum of artists, genres, sizes and prices.

Artist and gallery owner Mick Oxley said: "The NewcastleGateshead Art Fair marks an ideal opportunity for me as a developing artist to bring my individual style and business practice to buyers and potential clientele on an international platform."

Over 8,000 people visited the North East last year to attend the fair. Commercially speaking, the fair clocked in record sales with participating galleries selling hundreds of

art works. Sales ranged from limited edition prints at under £100 to major works by Damien Hirst.

Andy Balman, co-director of the fair said: "The NewcastleGateshead Art Fair is a must for all visitors, art lovers and collectors along with those interested in browsing for their first investment.

"This annual event is a major destination for established names as well as up and coming artists. Together with partnerships developed over the past few years, the fair is well on its way to being on the international art fair map."

Artist Mick Oxley said: "With the success of the art fair over the past few years, it will hopefully assist in my desire to become more visible in the wider arts market."

Artist and gallery owner, Alan Reed, who is celebrating his 25th anniversary as an independent artist on the opening day of the art fair this year said: "After last years successful fair, I thought it was imperative to attend once again. The art fair has provided us with the chance to develop firm relationships with customers who continue to buy my work."

The fair will offer paintings, sculpture, photography and original prints from an extensive range of regional, national and international galleries all for sale from under £100 up to the several thousands.

Tickets are valid for any day, from Friday through to Sunday. Tickets bought in advance cost just £5 each via ngartfair.com or The Sage Gateshead Box office 0191 443 4661.

Alternatively tickets can be purchased at the door on the day for £6.

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