

SCOTTISH GALLERIES GO INTERNATIONAL

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

The Alpha Art Gallery, located in Stockbridge, Edinburgh and online gallery redbusart.com based in Srathdon, Aberdeenshire, 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.

Redbusart.com is an online gallery that offers exclusive and original art as well as memorabilia. The Alpha Art Gallery offers contemporary prints, limited edition prints and sculptures in an informal atmosphere.

Alpha Art Gallery director, Claire Gilfedder said: "We are looking forward to this year's art fair, having heard excellent reports about it last year. We are excited about exhibiting an eclectic mix of work by our local and international artists."

Malcolm Newman from redbusart.com said: "The NewcastleGateshead Art Fair has proved in the past that it's a great opportunity to create new relationships across the art scene and we're looking forward to do the same this year."

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 two years, the fair is well on its way to being on the international art fair map.”

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.

For further information go to www.ngartfair.com

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