

THE WILLS LANE GALLERY

PRESS RELEASE

Michael Porter

An Image of Place – Recent Works on Paper

9th February-6th April 2008

Press View Saturday 9th February 11am-4pm

Michael Porter's exhibition *An Image of Place – Recent Works on Paper* is the first solo exhibition to be held Upstairs at the newly refurbished Wills Lane Gallery, St. Ives and Porter's first solo exhibition since his work was shown at Tate St. Ives in 2001.

Living and working in Newlyn, Cornwall, Porter uses the ground of the coastline around him as inspiration for his intimate and intricate paintings of the world at his feet. Immediately attractive, the works draw us in to orientate ourselves within his layers of floating surfaces. Plants, leaves, shells, flowers, and wonderfully subtle colours show us a world Porter wants us to feel with our eyes.

Born in Derbyshire in 1948 Porter attended Chelsea College of Art and from 1974 to 1997 lived in London before moving to Cornwall. In 1982/3 he was the Artist in Residence at the National Gallery, London; 2004 Artist in Residence Cape Ann Historical Museum Gloucester Massachusetts – linked with Montserrat College of Art, Massachusetts, USA; 2005 First Prize, Royal West of England Open, Bristol; 2007 Honorary Fellow of University College, Falmouth.

He has had numerous exhibitions at the Purdy Hicks Gallery, London. The last one was a sell-out. This, his first exhibition in a commercial gallery in Cornwall, coincides with a survey exhibition of his large-scale paintings on show at The Exchange, Penzance.

Open: Wednesday-Saturday 10.30-5.30/Sunday 11-4
Or by appointment.

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