

THE WILLS LANE GALLERY

Press Release

CRITIC'S CHOICE BY ANDREW LAMBIRTH
11TH JULY – 5TH SEPTEMBER 2010

Andrew Lambirth has selected 14 artists for his Critic's Choice exhibition at The Wills Lane Gallery in St. Ives
11th July-5th September 2010

Victoria Achache, Adrian Berg, Marcia Blakenham, Tyrel Broadbent, Stephen Chambers, Roland Collins, Nigel Ellis, Jason Gathorne-Hardy, Maggi Hambling, John Hubbard, David Inshaw, Tory Lawrence, Colin Self, Jo Welsh

Lambirth provocatively claims "St Ives is famous for its art, but it's high time there was some new blood in the galleries of Cornwall. I have chosen 14 artists mostly from the south and east of England to shake up the rock pools. From painting to print-making and ceramics, this critic's choice offers variety and excellence in a concentrated form, easy to take."

Despite Lambirth's stance he seems to have taken St. Ives to heart and selected work which will feel at home. Waves by Maggi Hambling, etchings by Colin Self including "*Crab, plaice and prawns*" and "*Flag by the Sea*", drawings of black headed gulls by Jason Gathorne-Hardy, gouaches and oils of Cornish landscapes by Nigel Ellis, Tory Lawrence and Roland Collins, and ceramic fish by Marcia Blakenham. Other work which is less obviously connected includes David Inshaw's paintings of dreamlike landscapes and etchings of cricket matches, John Hubbard's watercolour colour-play studies of trees, Stephen Chambers' sensuous colour pattern screenprints, Jo Welsh's boxes, Victoria Achache's colour oils - which Lambirth describes as being of Mediterranean intensity - and the quirky ceramic tiles of Tyrel Broadbent which reference imagery from the past as well as satirising the present.

A delight for the eye don't miss this exhibition.

Andrew Lambirth is currently the art critic for *The Spectator* and from 1990 to 2002 was contributing editor of the *Royal Academy of Arts Magazine*. He has written many monographs on artists such as Maggi Hambling and Stephen Chambers. His book on David Inshaw will be published this year.

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The Wills Lane Gallery aims to offer a professional service to art buyers, especially those who wish to start or add to a collection. Since its rebirth nearly 3 years ago the gallery has exhibited a wide range of work in different media, by living artists at different stages in their careers.

Gallery opening times:

Wednesday-Saturday 10.30am - 5.30pm
Sunday 11.00 am - 4.00 pm
Monday & Tuesday Closed but open 12th & 13th July 2010