

2nd June 2010

## **Dame Catherine Arts Summer Painting Exhibition**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to let you know about the forthcoming Summer Painting Exhibition at Ticknall. If you have exhibited before you should be aware that the event raises significant funds for charity and therefore deserves plenty of support.

The standard of exhibits is high, attracting a large number of artists from all over the Midlands, either as exhibitors, or simply to admire the wide range of skills and techniques on display. Sales of paintings are normally extremely healthy with no special weighting in any subject area or painting style.

Ticknall is a marvellous setting for a painting exhibition of this standard, and the superb home-prepared lunches and refreshments make the event quite special for anyone looking for an enjoyable day out over the August Bank Holiday. Being in our 17th year this is a well established show which attracts a large number of regular visitors.

Please copy this letter and attachments, and pass them on to any club members, friends or relatives who might either wish to exhibit or to visit the exhibition.

If you have not exhibited before, or have any questions feel free to call me on my home number 01283 704248 or e-mail [artshow@damecatherines.co.uk](mailto:artshow@damecatherines.co.uk).

### **Location**

Ticknall Village Hall and the school lie south of Derby on the A514 between Melbourne and Swadlincote. The Village Hall can be found a short distance from the main road, by turning towards Ingleby at "The Wheel" public house. The event is AA signposted.

### **Venue and dates**

- Ticknall Village Hall & School, Ingleby Lane, Ticknall, Derbyshire. DE73 1JW
- Champagne Preview Saturday 28th August, 7.30pm – 10.00pm. Tickets £5.00. (Please note this ticket will act as a full weekend pass).
- Sunday 29th August 8.00am – 6.00pm and Monday 30th August 8.00am – 5.00pm.

### **Terms and conditions for exhibiting artists**

- Exhibitors should enter at least three and no more than ten pieces of work
- Entries should be original mounted and framed paintings or etchings (some photographs, prints-**only limited edition, high quality prints** -, sculptures and textiles may also be accepted)
- All pieces entered must be for sale
- 25% Commission taken by us on sale of work
  
- All works are fully insured, by us, whilst in our possession, from 4pm on Friday 27th August until 9pm on Monday 30th August

- We reserve the right not to hang a painting
- A hanging fee will be charged per painting to cover insurance and sundry hanging expenses

### **What to do next**

- please return the attached form **by 23rd July** to the school address below. Any entries received after this cannot be guaranteed hanging space in the exhibition.
- Include your hanging fee – see note below (cheques only please – made payable to DCHS)
- Check your entry carefully before sending it (Last minute changes to the catalogue may not be possible )
- Please list your works **in order of hanging preference** . Demand for space is always very high and we may not be able to hang all work submitted but we will hang at least five of your pieces.
- Deliver your paintings to Dame Catherine Harpur School, Rose Lane, Ticknall on **Friday 27th August between 4.00 and 8.00pm .**
- Make sure your paintings are clearly labelled on the **BACK with TITLE , ARTIST'S NAME, MEDIA & PRICE** to help us avoid any mistakes.
- Use only conventional string or wire hangings please, not mirror brackets.

Ultimately the aim of the exhibition is to sell paintings and make money for you the artist and the school. Due to the present economic climate this may prove harder than in previous years so please be realistic when pricing your work. We had a fantastic year in 2009 selling well over £20,000 worth of paintings and we are sure this was due to sensible pricing.

All paintings should be picked up from the hall after 5.00pm on Monday evening. Any paintings not collected on the Monday evening will be stored at the school **AT THE ARTIST'S or PURCHASER'S RISK** (they will no longer be covered by our insurance). Alternative arrangements for collection need to be made using the number above.

### **Hanging fees**

**We charge a hanging fee according to the size of the painting. The charges are as follows:**

| <b>Size (Including frame)</b> | <b>Hanging fee</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Up to A4                      | £1.50              |
| Between A4 and A3             | £2.00              |
| Between A3 and A2             | £2.50              |
| Between A2 and A1             | £3.00              |
| Bigger than A1                | £3.50              |

N.B. Hanging fees will be refunded after the event for any works not exhibited.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us

Kind regards,

Deb Bates, Salli Gosling, Peter Wood, event organizers.