

Dame Catherine Arts Summer Painting Exhibition

10th June 2011

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 18th 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.

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 and School, Ingleby Lane, Ticknall, Derbyshire. DE73 1JW
- Champagne Preview Saturday 27th August, 7.30pm – 10.00pm. Tickets £5.00. (Please note this ticket will act as a full weekend pass).
- Sunday 28th August 8.00am – 6.00pm and Monday 29th 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 and prints-**but only limited edition, signed, high quality prints-** may also be accepted, along with sculptures and textiles).
- 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 26th August until 9pm on Monday 29th 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 15th 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 26th August between 4.00 and 6.00pm** .

~ 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 great year in 2010 selling well over £15,000 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 will be as follows:

Size (Including frame)	Hanging fee
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.