'ST IVES SUMMER SHOW: 10' at Porthminster Gallery, St Ives, Cornwall PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION

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Exhibition: 'ST IVES SUMMER SHOW: 10'

Location: Porthminster Gallery, Westcott's Quay, St Ives, Cornwall, TR26 2DY, UK

Exhibition Dates: Saturday 17th June – Sunday 3rd September 2017

Preview: Saturday 17th June, 2 − 4 pm.

Opening Times: Mon – Sat, 10 am – 5 pm. Sun, 11 am – 4 pm.

Free admission.

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The award-winning Porthminster Gallery hosts its tenth annual summer exhibition: a richly diverse showcase of expressive and sometimes surprising works by eight artists, all of whom are inspired by St Ives and Cornwall:

Jane Askey is an invited 'guest' artist who works to "evoke the sense of a place" through expressive, gestural brushstrokes in her St Ives-centred Cornish landscape mixed-media paintings. Askey's spontaneous style of painting is informed by walking in the landscape, and returning at different times of the year to observe and record the changes in light and weather.

Anne Davies is a permanent gallery artist whose restrained St Ives based compositions have a strong abstract element to them. Inspired by the rhythms, patterns, shapes, light and colours of the town, its harbour and surrounding countryside, Davies' masterly use of delicate layering and drawn elements infuses her works with a quiet serenity.

Patrick Haughton is a 'guest' artist based in Falmouth whose paintings and painted relief constructions incorporate fragments of found objects and documents to evoke a sense of time and place; the traces of former human activity and the elemental nature of the landscape and the powers that shape it.

Jenny Hirst is a permanent gallery artist who strives to capture the "essence of West Cornwall" through an emotional response rather than through accurate representation. The ever-changing weather and its effect on the sea and the Atlantic coastline – the magical light of West Cornwall – is dramatically wrought in Hirst's often broody-skied paintings.

Ann Winder-Boyle is a permanently exhibited gallery artist. Her distinctive and disarmingly playful compositions of collaged ink drawings, vintage books and beeswax evoke personal memories, feelings and associations in the mind of the viewer. Viewers can anticipate some

topical social and global issues clad in the guise of 1950s childhood innocence. Don't miss Winder-Boyle's clever wire sculptures, too.

Linda Weir is a St Ives based painter whose vivacious, impasto oils, painted 'en plein air' express her "constant thrill" of being in Cornwall, and the "intensely inspiring" impact the place continues to have on her, both as a person and as an artist.

John Pollex is a well-respected Plymouth based studio potter whose latest collection of vivid colour glazed earthenware vessels and platters – painted in a free and painterly abstract manner – reference the immediacy of brush strokes in Zen Buddhist calligraphy.

Geoffrey Swindell is an internationally respected ceramicist based in Wales whose thrown and altered curious porcelain objects are abstract expressions of emotion through use of colour and texture, built up of overlapping layers of slip, glaze and oxides: truly mesmerising creations.

The work of all eight artists will be available to view in the gallery as part of the exhibition 'St Ives Summer Show: 10' at the Porthminster Gallery, St Ives, from Saturday 17th June until Sunday 3th September 2017.

Curated by Gallery Director David Durham.

All works are available to buy. Price range: £90 – £3,000.

Running alongside this exhibition will be a collection of collectible Modern St Ives and British Art by Sandra Blow, Terry Frost, Barbara Hepworth, Patrick Heron, Henry Moore, Peter Lanyon, Ben Nicholson, Victor Pasmore, Bryan Pearce and other both century modern masters.

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Notes to editors The award-winning Porthminster Gallery celebrates its tenth year in St Ives, Cornwall with a diverse programme of expertly curated exhibitions and events.

Established by art patrons and gallery directors Dee Bray and David Durham in York in 1999, the business was relocated to St Ives in 2007 to concentrate its focus on the art of St Ives and Cornwall. Since then the gallery has championed the work of more than 80 living British artists through its progressive and expertly curated shows, and has showcased and introduced many young up-and-coming artists to an appreciative local and global collectorship. The gallery has also gained a strong reputation during the ten years for its impressive shows and changing stock of Post War St Ives and British Art.

Porthminster Gallery won the *Cornwall Today* readers' award for 'Best Art Gallery in Cornwall' 2014/15, and has been featured in BBC2's *Coast* series and most recently in Sky Art's *Tate Walks* series.

Porthminster Gallery works to raise awareness of, and funds for local and national charities

including Shelter Box and Breast Cancer Care. through gallery exhibitions and events.

The gallery offers buyers and collectors the easy and affordable incentive to buy original art up to £25,000 at 0% APR over 10 equal 0% APR monthly instalments with the Own Art and Own Art Plus purchase schemes.

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