PORTHMINSTER GALLERY, St Ives, Cornwall, TR26 2DY.

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'FESTIVAL!' 8th September to 13th October 2018

In celebration of this year's *St Ives September Festival* the Porthminster Gallery in St Ives opens 'Festival!' a two-person selling show of new controversial and engagingly charming mixed-media works by critically acclaimed artist Ann Winder-Boyle and dazzling, visually dynamic St Ives beach life themed oil on canvas paintings by the award-winning artist Nick Bodimeade.





The Adventures of Boris Johnson and Friends 2018 vintage books, ink drawings and beeswax Ann Winder-Boyle

Fisherman's Friends 2018 driftwood and wire sculpture Ann Winder-Boyle



Shifting July 2018 oil on canvas Nick Bodimeade



Shallows July 2018 oil on canvas Nick Bodimeade

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Exhibition: 'FESTIVAL!'

Location: Porthminster Gallery, Westcott's Quay, St Ives, Cornwall, TR26 2DY Exhibition Dates: Saturday 8th September – Saturday 13th October 2018 Opening Times: Mon – Sat, 10 am – 5 pm. Event: Meet the Artist Ann Winder-Boyle: Saturday 15th September, 1 – 4 pm. Free admission.

FESTIVAL! Two-person show

Ann Winder-Boyle

Using nostalgia as the emotive key in this new collection of works, Winder-Boyle's distinctive and disarmingly playful compositions of her collaged hand-drawn ink illustrations, vintage book covers, beeswax, wire and driftwood, reference big topical social and economic issues such as homelessness and Brexit – clad in the guise of 1950s childhood innocence.

Ann Winder-Boyle is a well-established artist who works in mixed-media with collage to explore the themes of childhood, time and space. Her St lves based works evoke personal memories, feelings and associations in the mind of the viewer, who is drawn into a strangely familiar place that can engender either a feeling of deep comfort or an inexplicable sense of unease...

The leading art critic, TV presenter and Sunday Telegraph columnist Andrew Graham Dixon said of her work:

"Ann Winder-Boyle's small-scale pictures always reward a second look – they have an intriguing edge of darkness about them."

Winder-Boyle has been selected for the *Royal Academy Summer Show* for several years and has been a permanent exhibiting artist at the Porthminster Gallery since 2008.

Born in Ulverston, Cumbria in 1963, Ann returned to education as a mature student and gained a first in BA (Hons) Fine Art from Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College in 2006.

Ann lives and works as a full-time artist in Buckinghamshire. She exhibits

throughout the South of England, and her works are in many private and corporate collections in the UK and abroad.

Nick Bodimeade

'The beach starts each day like a blank canvas, people arrive and organise themselves in relation to the sun, sea, land and wind, but most importantly to each other. It is like a grand experiment in social behaviour where all you need to know about human interaction is there, visible and paintable. It is also an endlessly changing optical field allowing an exploration of the territory between abstraction and representation, and those transitional moments when a thing becomes untied from a singular reading, ground becomes light, bodies dissolve into paint, the illusionary becomes physical.'

With the advent of digital photography, Nick, who until that point had been an abstract painter and maker of representational and observational drawings, became fascinated by the possibilities new technology provided for the studio painter. His works are now as much an exploration of the relationship between paint and digital manipulation as they are an exploration of subject.

Born in 1957 in Richmond, London, Nick has a BA in Fine Art from the University of Wolverhampton and, after many years as a lecturer in Fine Art at a number of art colleges, now lives and works as a full-time painter near Lewes in East Sussex. He exhibits widely in London and the South and has been represented exclusively in Cornwall by the Porthminster Gallery since 2009.

Prices of the artworks in 'Festival!' range from £125 to £4,800.

The Own Art interest-free purchase plan is available on all works.

Also showing will be **'Patrick Heron: Prints from the 70s'** celebrating the rich abstraction of Patrick Heron's art with a selling exhibition of vibrant rare signed silkscreen prints by this great British modern master of abstract expressionism. The exhibition complements Patrick Heron's major retrospective show at the TATE St lves.

Notes to editors

In 2018 the award-winning Porthminster Gallery celebrated its eleventh 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.

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

For further information, please contact gallery manager Hélène Chaussavoine at the gallery on 01736 795888, or by email info@porthminstergallery.co.uk Website: www.porthminstergallery.co.uk

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