

Media Release: New Exhibition
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Spotlight: Summer Collection 2 | Andrew Bird
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A dynamic new series of coastal-inspired abstract paintings by best-selling gallery artist, Andrew Bird is in the Spotlight at Porthminster Gallery, St Ives.

Inspired by the changeable nature of the Cornish landscape, Andrew Bird's latest painterly, layered explorations in composition and colour evoke a deep sense of connection between the artist and place. To further inform his practice, Bird studies the landscape and coastline from the unique viewpoint of a boat at anchor in the bay. The distorted geometry of field patterns, the shapes and forms of the coastline, which is suggested and revealed to Bird, imbues the thirteen paintings on show with a distinct essence of place, achieved through his intuitive mark-making, and layering and reductive techniques.

Price range: £875 – £4,900.

This solo spotlight show is an addition to our existing summer exhibition 'Safe Harbour', which features a curated collection of fresh and contemporary artworks by: Anne Barrell, Melvyn Evans, Ian Harrod, Freya Horsley, Joanne Last, Martyn Perryman, Mitch Pilkington, Craig Underhill.

If you would like to receive a preview of all the works that will feature in the exhibition, or information about pricing, please contact the gallery via catherine@porthminstergallery.co.uk

This exhibition will be complemented by newly acquired sculptures and ceramics by permanent and invited artists, along with works for sale by a selection of Tate St Ives artists who were also inspired by the changing forms of the Cornish landscape, notably: Terry Frost; Barbara Hepworth; Patrick Heron; Ben Nicholson; and Bryan Pearce.

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All the Songbirds 2022 by Andrew Bird, acrylic on canvas, 76 x 76 cm.

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Notes to Editors: About the Featured Artist**Andrew Bird**

Derbyshire-based artist Andrew Bird paints captivating abstract compositions, fascinated by the animation of coastal seaside movement. Changing light, shape and structure, form reference to composition, often studied by boat, offering a unique viewpoint from sea to land. Interplay of forms explore the geometry of fields and sea, defining the coasts hidden forms through gestural mark-making. The works are produced instinctively, using a combination of preliminary sketch with memory of place, allowing the works to develop a life of their own based on fleeting images, imagination, and experiences.

Andrew studied Graphic Design at Chesterfield College of Technology & Art from 1986–88 before studying Fine Art at Bradford College of Art in 1992–93. Prior to becoming a full-time artist in 2010, Andrew was a professional Graphic Designer. Since 2011, he has exhibited successfully throughout the UL, with his first solo show held in 2013.

Note: Andrew Bird has been represented exclusively in Cornwall by Porthminster Gallery since 2013.

Notes to Editors: About Porthminster Gallery

In 2017 the award-winning Porthminster Gallery celebrated its tenth year in St Ives, Cornwall.

Established by art patrons and gallery directors David Durham and Dee Bray-Calvert in York in 1999 as *Minster Fine Art*, the business 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 90 living British artists through its progressive and expertly curated programme of 160+ 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 over the last 13 years for its impressive shows and changing stock of 20th Century Modern St Ives and British Art. In July 2022, the gallery opened a second gallery venue just opposite, dedicated to showing these works in a first-floor apartment-like space.

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 more 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 £2,500 spread over 10 monthly instalments 0% APR with the Own Art purchase scheme.