

Media Release: New Exhibitions and Events  
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Exhibition: **LIMITED EDITION** : Original Artist Prints

Opens: Saturday, 10 February 2024

Ends: Saturday, 23 March 2024

**The Porthminster Gallery opens its 2024 exhibitions programme with *Limited Edition : Original Artist Prints* – an informative selling show for aspiring and seasoned collectors of affordable signed and editioned original prints by established contemporary artists, alongside museum-quality prints by 20th Century St Ives and British names.**

**Q.** What is an original artist's print?

**A.** A work of art made in multiple iterations, created through a direct transfer. Printmaking techniques include: etching; engraving; lithography; silkscreen; linocut; and woodcut.

'Prints' are regarded by the public – in general, as being only *copies* of original artworks, and not original artworks themselves. To help dispel this misconception, the gallery set out to curate this appealing and accessible exhibition to celebrate the rich diversity of traditional printmaking techniques.

**The show features a spotlight on the printmaking practice of the award-winning St Ives-based artist printmaker, Trevor Price, whose Cornish Roots inspire his masterful monochrome relief engravings, colour etchings, and linocut prints. Scenes of St Ives Bay and Barbara Hepworth's Garden are key themes in his works.**

**Melvyn Evans** is one of Britain's finest printmakers, whose bold, semi-abstract linocut prints are inspired by his deep connection to landscape, and his fascination with the traces left by its ancient peoples. Even so, his works exude a 'mid-century modern' vibe;

**Sally Spens** is an internationally exhibited Cornwall-based artist and printmaker, whose exquisite, intricate etchings are influenced by the artist's designs for Japanese kimonos, and by Japanese culture.

The exhibition also features signed editioned prints by Modern 20<sup>th</sup> Century names, including: etchings by **Albert Irvin**, **Ben Nicholson**, **David Hockney** and **Victor Pasmore**; silkscreen prints by **Patrick Heron** and **Sandra Blow**; and lithographs by **Barbara Hepworth** – among others.

Co-curator and Gallery Manager, Catherine Lewin, said of the new show, "I originally trained as a painter, but I've always had a passion for prints and printmaking. They [prints] present the affordable opportunity for young people especially, to start a collection of signed original artworks by recognised artists – without four-figure price tags – and with the Own Art 0% APR purchase scheme, there's never been a better time to start collecting!"

Price range of the contemporary prints in show: £250 to £700.

*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.*

Sample Images (click an image to access all press-ready image files):



**HEPWORTH'S GARDEN III 2023**

by **Trevor Price**

drypoint / engraved relief print, signed from edition of 100  
sheet size: h 46 x w 100 cm



**THE OLD STONES 2023**

by **Melvyn Evans**

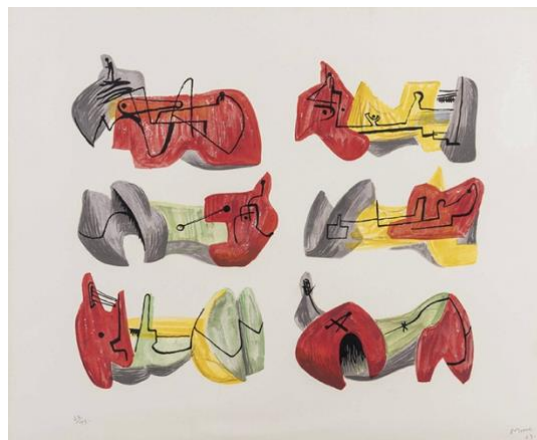
linocut print, signed from edition of  
sheet size: h 40 x 50 cm



**PERSIMMON TREE, JANUARY IN KYOTO 2022**

by **Sally Spens**

etching print w. hand colouring, signed from edition of 35  
sheet size: h 50.5 x w 35 cm



**SIX RECLINING FIGURES 1963**

by **Henry Moore OM CH (1898–1986)**

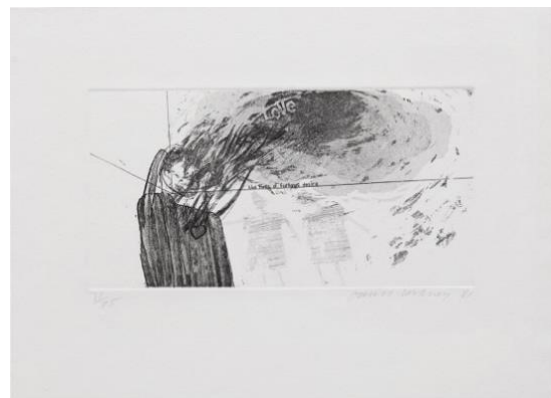
lithograph print, signed from edition of 75  
sheet size: h 57 x w 68.5 cm



**JANUARY 1973 : 6 1973**

by **Patrick Heron CBE (1920 – 1999)**

silkscreen print, signed from edition of 72  
sheet size: h 68 cm x w 90 cm



**FIRES OF FURIOUS DESIRE 1961**

by **David Hockney RA**

etching print, signed from edition of 75  
sheet size: h 29 x w 39.5 cm

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Admission free

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**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 20<sup>th</sup> Century Modern St Ives and British Art. In July 2022, the gallery opened an adjacent second gallery venue, 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.