

Media Release: Upcoming Exhibition

Sea Breezes.

Contemporary paintings and ceramics by leading British artists inspired by the Cornish Coast.

Porthminster Gallery, St Ives and porthminstergallery.co.uk

15th June – 31st August 2024

Showcasing new paintings by:

ANDREW BIRD, MARTYN PERRYMAN, and JENNY HIRST;

and new ceramics by CRAIG UNDERHILL, and PAUL WEARING.

Sea Breezes. Upcoming exhibition ... [click here for press-ready images and artist statements](#)

The Porthminster Gallery's upcoming summer exhibition, 'Sea Breezes', opens with a sunburst of Summer colour on Saturday, 15th June. Featuring glorious paintings and ceramics by gallery artists, in a visual and textural celebration of the serene bays and rocky coastline for which St Ives and west Cornwall are famous.



The Last Green, 2024 by Andrew Bird
acrylic on canvas on board, h 34 x w 46 cm



Atlantic Breeze - St Ives, 2024 by Martyn Perryman
oil on canvas, h 100 x 120 cm

The sweeping canvases, bold strokes and colours of **Andrew Bird's** captivating abstracted acrylic paintings work in a magical dialogue with the meditative and calming sea horizon vista paintings by **Martyn Perryman**, which recall the intense, indescribable blue and rising hypnotic light over St Ives Bay.



Flowing Out, 2024 by Jenny Hirst
acrylic on canvas, h 80 x w 80 cm



Tideline by Craig Underhill
slab-built ceramic with applied slips and glazes, h 25 x w 18 x d 5 cm

Jenny Hirst's spontaneous and atmospheric paintings evoke fleeting impressions of the wild, windswept, rocky shorelines of West Penwith's 'hidden' places. Jenny expresses the coast's changing moods through dramatic light and shadow on water, with sweeping sands disappearing and re-appearing with the ebb and flow of the tide.

Having relocated to the St Ives area permanently in 2020, **Craig Underhill's** exploration and 'discovery' of the dramatic and beautiful coast of west Cornwall has inspired this stunning new collection of his distinctive hand-built ceramics. Using surface mark-making, slips, underglaze colours and glazes onto hand-built ceramic slab forms, Craig creates works, which are painterly, playful and elemental. In demand amongst international collectors, we are delighted to be able to include Craig in this mixed show.



Cylinder vessel, by Paul Wearing
slab-built ceramic with applied slips and glazes
h 25 x w 18 cm



Ellipse vessel, by Paul Wearing
slab-built ceramic with applied slips and glazes
h 25 x w 18 x d 5 cm

Paul Wearing's hand-built sculptural vessels are inspired by our interconnectedness with nature's seasons and cycles, and in this new collection the rhythms of the sea and coast are evident. Working with grogged stoneware clay and by contrast, porcelain, Paul mostly uses coiling techniques to build his vessels, but also incorporates some press-moulding and slab-building methods. He renders the surfaces with brushed layers of slips and glazes that are reactive in oxidised firing, to bring disruption through blistering, cratering and crackling to the surfaces.

Price range of works in the show: £150 to £4,750.

Own Art 0% APR purchase plan is available on all works in the show.

Press Enquiries:

David Durham: +44 (0)1 736 795 888 / david@porthminstergallery.co.uk

Artist statements + Biographies:

[click here for press-ready images and artist statements](#)

Listings information:

Porthminster Gallery, 22 Fore Street, St Ives TR26 1HE
(near the Barbara Hepworth Studio and Garden)

+44 (0)1736 795888 | porthminstergallery.co.uk

Open six days a week, Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 11am–4pm.

Admission free.

Social Media:

#porthminstergallery

Instagram: @porthmingallery

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 BrayCalvert 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 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.