

Higos Chambos in the Sun Trinidad Ball oil on canvas 80 x 40cms

SKYLARK SUMMER SIZZLE

at <u>gallery@oxo</u> Oxo Tower Wharf, Barge House Street, London SE1 9PH

July 29th to August 15th 2010

Open 11am – 6pm daily Admission free

The heat has sent artistic minds into overdrive this summer, with a scorching exhibition at the <u>gallery@oxo</u> from July 29th to August 15th.

Featuring over 25 painters, print-makers and sculptors from Skylark, London's leading artistrun galleries, the show promises a huge variety of summer-inspired pieces, along with a series of interactive events to bring out the creative side of gallery visitors.

"We are putting together a vibrant and exciting collection of works by our emerging and established artists," says Skylark Director, Gill Hickman. "We intend that the <u>gallery@oxo</u> will positively sizzle with the creative heat and colour shining out from the selected pieces. For visitors wanting more information, exhibiting artists will give talks & demonstrations, and

being holiday time there will be a programme of activities for children including an art treasure hunt."

With exhibiting artists on hand every day, visitors will get the chance to chat to the experts about what's on show, techniques and inspirations.

The range of Skylark artists should mean plenty of conversation: whether you favour the photorealism of Trinidad Ball's exquisite prickly pears against piercing blue skies, the pure abstraction of Eileen Martin's hot-palette oils, or the ice-cool beauty of Steve Yeates' recycled glass figures, there is definitely something for every visitor.

London's unique city atmosphere is celebrated in the bold, abstract citiscapes of Sara Sherwood and the more graphic lines of James Hobbs. Jo Hodgen captures childhood summers in her cheeky textural canvases of kids playing in rock pools, while Michelle Elwell's aluminium mounted digital flower prints have a fantastic romantic lyricism. Also featured are Gill Hickman's Energy Cells, which explore the microscopic beauty of the human body in a riot of reds, oranges and golds.

Ben Mosley's bold football canvases offer visitors the chance to take home a souvenir of the agony and ecstasy of the 2010 World Cup or, for those whose thoughts are more attuned to summer loving, Sally Swingewood's series of bright kisses might be more appealing.

All art on show is for sale and can be taken away immediately, and with prices for unframed work starting from £30 there's bound to be something for everyone.

The artist-run Skylark Galleries are well established in two permanent locations on the South Bank; Skylark 1 has been in Gabriel's Wharf since the mid 1990's, and Skylark 2 has been in the Oxo Tower since 2001. There are currently 33 artists across the two galleries.

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