

Exhibitors confirmed for 2012 Aberdeen Art Fair

Over 40 exhibitors representing hundreds of artists from across the UK have been confirmed to exhibit at this year's Aberdeen Art Fair, an event that will bring together some of the best names in modern artistry to celebrate the diversity of European art.

The event, sponsored by global energy company TAQA, takes place at the Music Hall from 18th – 19th August and will include works from a large selection of galleries from across the country including The Hillier Gallery from Stratford Upon Avon and Castle Galleries in Glasgow.

Visitors will have the opportunity to view internationally acclaimed artworks never before seen on these shores. Renowned painter Henri Lorenzi, from Monaco, will be returning to the Granite City to showcase his latest work over the two day event.

New exhibitors include Aberdeen based Gallery 121, which will represent a number of well known artists, including the official 2012 Olympic artist Fabian Perez. Perez's powerful and virtuosic oil paintings have won him international acclaim and worldwide success, establishing him as one of the most exciting figurative artist on the contemporary scene.

Based in Aberdeen's twin city of Clermont-Ferrand, Jill Bonnaud will also make her Scottish debut when she showcases her latest works at the second annual event.

With over 2,000 visitors attending last year's fair, along with the sale of thousands of pounds worth of art, the Aberdeen Art Fair has cemented its position in Scotland's vibrant arts scene and offers a glimpse into today's fascinating world of art.

Gerry Muldoon of GM Events, said: "We are delighted to confirm the exhibitors for the 2012 Aberdeen Art Fair. We have received an overwhelming interest from artists and galleries across the country as well as from across the pond. The event provides a platform in the north east of Scotland for the showcasing of fresh, innovative and original artworks from some of the finest artists around today. It will be a spectacle and celebration of all the great art produced not only in Scotland or the UK but from throughout the world at this international event."

For art lovers, collectors and first time buyers, the Aberdeen Art Fair offers an extensive collection of affordable art works, ranging from as little as £50 to £10,000.

In addition to the fair, I Heart Art Studio will be running a free art club for 5 to 10 year olds over the two days which will undoubtedly inspire the younger members of the audience to get involved. The Music Hall café bar will be open to visitors to provide a quiet place to enjoy a coffee or have a relaxing bite to eat between browsing.

Entry to the Aberdeen Art Fair will cost just £3 for a full day with free entry for accompanied children (Under 15). The fair will be open from 9am to 5pm on Saturday 18th August and from 9.30am to 5pm

on Sunday 19th August. Full details can be found on www.aberdeenartfair.co.uk. Visit www.facebook.com/abdnartfair to join the Facebook page for all the latest news.

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