

## PRESS RELEASE

The Landmark Show 2015

### **'THE COLOUR OF MONEY'**

An exhibition of oil paintings  
inspired by coins

by

**ADRIAN FORDHAM**

Wednesday 7 - Sunday 18 January 2015

Landmark Arts Centre, Teddington



**'The Colour of Money' is a series of new oil paintings by artist Adrian Fordham, on display at Landmark Arts Centre in Teddington this January.**

Coins depicting warriors, gods and goddesses on horseback - from ancient Greece and Rome, the British Isles, India, Afghanistan and across Europe - have provided the inspiration for these paintings, to be exhibited in public for the very first time at Landmark Arts Centre.

Ancient, Celtic and older coin designs were frequently re-interpreted and re-used by later cultures, with copying and re-copying processes giving them an increasingly abstract quality. Drawing on Celtic mythology in particular, victorious warriors were sometimes shown in a state of metamorphosis transforming from a human form into a bird of prey. These elements are reflected in 'The Colour of Money' with the artist using bold colour and form to convey the power and status of the riders.

'The Colour of Money' places a spotlight on little-known designs by anonymous artists and craftspeople from past times, bringing to the fore what are now everyday objects - the coins in our pockets.

**Adrian says:** *"I am intrigued by horse and rider coins from ancient Greece and Rome through to the British rocking horse crown issued in 1935, and have been collecting for over 30 years. I grew up in Teddington and the source of my inspiration for this exhibition goes back to that time when, as a boy, I started searching for coins and interesting artefacts in local antique and junk shops. The coins have been re-interpreted such that I hope will encourage people to see the objects we take for granted in a different way."*

This solo exhibition marks Adrian's return to his hometown in the year that Landmark Arts Centre celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



**'The Colour of Money' runs from Wednesday 7 to Sunday 18 January 2015 at Landmark Arts Centre, Ferry Road in Teddington, TW11 9NN. Free Admission.**  
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