

## Press Release



October Exhibition

Katharine Le Hardy & Josse Davis

October 2-23

This autumn we are very pleased to welcome back two artists whose work has consistently delighted clients and visitors to the gallery.

Katharine Le Hardy returns with a new body of work showing woodland scenes from Scotland and other places in her distinct painterly style, and Josse Davis presents us with a series of glazed stoneware ceramic vessels decorated on the subject of food and eating, to coincide with the first Arundel Food Festival, which takes place in the same month (16-23 October).

Katharine Le Hardy says - "Landscapes are a constant source of inspiration for me. I am particularly interested in approaching this traditional subject in an interesting way by looking at different viewpoints and unusual horizon lines."

Gallery Director, James Stewart says "Most exhibitions we put on here are like seeing old friends, and this one is no different, I know that our client base will feel the same – this exhibition is not to be missed!"

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## **Katharine Le Hardy**

Katharine Le Hardy (born 1981) studied Fine Art at the University of the West of England in Bristol graduating in 2003.

Katharine likes to use gestural marks and loose impasto brushwork to engage the viewer and charge the composition with movement and dynamism, whilst still maintaining balance, building up the paint and alternating transparent and opaque layers, dripping, washing, splashing, allowing it to take its own fluid course and give the image a life of its own.

Working from sketches and photographs, Katharine endeavours to create a window on an imaginary space. The absence of obvious landmarks and identifiable features enables the images to exist as timeless, dreamlike expanses, inviting the viewer into a restorative space and opportunity for reflection in calm solitude.

Since then she has regularly shown her work in London and throughout the UK, including the Chichester Open in 2005 and Smithfield Gallery, London in 2010 (solo show) and Chapel Row Gallery, Bath in 2009 (mixed show "Lay of the Land").

In 2005 she was Highly Commended, Young Artist of the year at the Royal Institute of Oil Painters and was awarded the NADFAS young artist prize, Guggleton Gallery, Dorset. In 2006 she was runner up at the Royal Bath and West Art Scholarship prize. In January 2008 Katharine was awarded runner up in the biennial Gilchrist Fisher prize, hosted at Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London.

## **Josse Davis**

Born in 1959, Josse Davis is the son of ceramist and painter Derek Davis and painter Ruth Davis. He graduated from Bath Academy of Art in 1981 (BA hons ceramics), and has since lived and worked in Arundel, West Sussex.

Figurative and often described as traditionally English in his approach to decoration, his work is divided into two distinct styles; the loose and spontaneous and the more subtle and disciplined.

Although found in his stoneware the spontaneous decoration is most evident in his Raku pieces. The second style of decoration is more refined and is the emotional balance to the first. These pieces of work are less colourful and more tonal. Under a zinc white stoneware glaze thin layers of iron and black are meticulously painted, smudged back and painted again until the required subtle tonal changes are achieved.

Josse has taught ceramics at Slindon College, Syon House and Portsmouth City Museum (amongst others). He has exhibited at Beaux Art, Bath; Leigh Gallery, London; Cre Gallery, London; Guildhall, Winchester; West Dean College; London Potters Summer Show; Amalgam Gallery, London; Hove Museum and Pallant House, Chichester.

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