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FAKENHAM CONTEMPORARY ART EXHIBITION 2009

Thursday 2 July – Sunday 12 July 2009
Fakenham Parish Church

The inaugural Fakenham Contemporary Art Exhibition 2009, taking place from 2 July to 12 July 2009 in Fakenham Parish Church, has received almost 240 entries from artists all over Norfolk, of which 149 were shortlisted and 85 have now received final selection for hanging in the exhibition. The selected pieces represent the work of 51 artists.

The exhibition has also successfully applied for and received funding from Norfolk County Council and the Victory Housing Fund administered by the Norfolk Community Foundation. Further sponsorship has been received from Hillside Gallery & Studios, based in Fakenham.

Organised by local artists Keith and Debbie Osborn, of Hillside Gallery & Studios in Fakenham, together with Fakenham Parish Church, the exhibition will present contemporary approaches to art by Norfolk based artists with work having been selected in a wide range of media including ceramics, collage, drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and textiles. Selection was by open submission and subject matter was not restricted.

Keith Osborn, who participated in the selection panel alongside his wife Debbie, local artist Pat Bustin, Christopher Harrison of Bircham Gallery, and Fakenham Rector the Rev. Adrian Bell, said: "The quality and range of the work submitted has been excellent and it was a challenging task for the appointed selection panel to make the final choice of work to hang but I am sure those pieces of work selected will make for a very exciting exhibition".

The Rev. Adrian Bell added: "The vibrancy and variety of the work we viewed was breathtaking. I am very much looking forward to seeing the selected work hung in the Church and to welcoming visitors from our local community, the rest of the county and further afield. This truly will be an event worth coming to".

The exhibition will be open from 10am to 4pm every day from Thursday 2 July to Sunday 12 July 2009 (12pm to 4pm on Sundays). A special service for artists and the arts will be held at the Church on Sunday 5 July 2009 at 10.30am, and an arts activity day for families on Saturday 11 July 2009 between 10am and 4pm in St Peter's Garden by the side of the Church. The exhibition will open late on Thursday 9 July 2009 from 6pm to 8pm.

Ends.

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Further information: On this exhibition: www.fakenhamarts.org.uk
On Hillside Gallery & Studios: www.hillsidegallery.net
On Fakenham Parish Church: www.fakenhamparishchurch.org.uk