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## City Welcomes New Art Event - **PAINT OUT NORWICH** Celebrating Norfolk's rich history of painting *en plein air*

NORWICH, ENGLAND: **Paint Out Norwich** is a two-day *en plein air* painting competition highlighting seven iconic Norwich city venues. On October 22nd and 23rd, the jury selected artists will create paintings and drawings of the cityscape in full view of the public. On the second day of the event a panel of experts will select winning works of art, to be auctioned by TW Gaze of Diss during a ticketed gala event to be held in the Weston Room of Norwich Cathedral. After the competition closes all of the artworks will be exhibited for sale in the Norwich Cathedral Hostry until November 2nd as part of the 2014 Hostry Festival.

Paint Out Norwich aims to engage the public with artists who practice outdoor painting and celebrate the rich history of *Plein Air* in Norfolk. All work produced over the two days will be judged by a panel including **Trevor** Chamberlain ROI, RSMA; Amanda Geitner, Head of Collections and Exhibitions, Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts at the University of East Anglia; and internationally renowned artist Colin Self. Artists will be stationed in and around Norwich Castle, Norwich Cathedral, St. John's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Pull's Ferry, Elm Hill, Norwich Market, and the recently added, Forum, due to extensive submissions and an expanded number of competing artists. A trail map will be available to people to observe the artists at work. Members of the public will be encouraged to visit the artists, select their favourite, and register a vote online for the 'People's Choice Award'.

**Paint Out Norwich** would like to announce that the following **31 artists** have been selected to participate in the inaugural event: John Behm, Timothy Betjeman, Byrony Birkbeck, Richard Bond, Patrick Boswell, Leon Bunnewell, Roy Connelly, Chris Daynes, Anthea Eames, Katie Falcon, Cornelia Fitzroy, Gerald Green, Mark Greenwood, Jane Hall, Wil Harvey, Francesca Heathorn, Tyga Helme, Mary Kallagher, Dan Llewellyn Hall, Chloe Mandy, Stephen Martyn, Elizabeth Monahan, Simon Page, David Pilgrim, Janet Poole, Michael Richardson, Graham Rider, Haidee-Jo Summers, Mo Teeuw, Liam Wales, Philip Wilkinson.

Supporting this inaugural year of **Paint Out Norwich** as our lead event sponsor is Norfolk's own **Broadland Wineries**. Established in 1965, Broadland Wineries make, bottle, and import a great range of wines in the UK and overseas. Additional prize sponsors include Savills, Archant and Norwich Art Supplies.

**Paint Out Norwich** has attracted national and international talent in its introduction of a free annual competition that focuses on the challenges imposed by creating artwork 'on the spot' in the urban environment. The event, run by a dedicated and passionate team of volunteers, will test artists' skill and craft to the maximum, promoting the burgeoning Norwich arts scene, and providing an interactive observational and educational experience.

Tickets to the private view and auction night may be purchased from the Theatre Royal (01603) 630000 For more information on the selected artists please visit paintoutnorwich.org or email press@paintoutnorwich.org

Photos, logos (including sponsors), a press pack, artists and jury member profiles are available online and on request.