

# OWEN MATHERS

*illustrator*

My name is Owen Mathers and I am an illustrator and designer. After discovering oil painting at Wymondham College I went on to art school and graduated from Norwich School of Art & Design in 2003. I have been working as a Graphic Designer for the last 12 years. After living in London for three years I am now based back in Norwich.

After working for so long in front of a computer I began to miss my first love of drawing and painting, and I returned to it with gusto three years ago whilst living and working in London. I was inspired by being surrounded by amazing architecture, diverse cultures and so many people, I felt the need to document the world around me. Something which I continue to do every day.

I prefer to draw from life, where I feel I can capture fleeting moments and the individual charm of people and places in person. I work in both traditional media as well as digital. I use mainly pens and watercolour and am now starting to scale up my practice with larger media.

I have had my work exhibited at Timberyard Coffee shop in Covent Garden as part of an Urban Sketchers London exhibition. I have sold original artwork, prints and zines and my work has been commissioned by design agencies, businesses and private individuals.

I am a real advocate of drawing and have delivered talks and workshops on the subject. We are saturated by photography and so called 'perfect' images – drawing and illustration brings a much needed human touch.

I would like to take part in Paint Out Norwich as I feel I can bring a fresh perspective to the competition and approach the subject matter with a different take compared to more traditional methods.

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