

St Columba's Hospice Art Exhibition at The Edinburgh Academy

Charity set to draw a crowd with annual art exhibition

St Columba's Hospice is urging art lovers in and around the capital to go to its annual art exhibition, from 20-22 October 2017 at The Edinburgh Academy in Stockbridge.

Over 120 of Scotland's most renowned artists and exciting emerging talents have signed up to take part in this year's fundraising event.



The Art Friends of St Columba's Hospice Exhibition, now in its 31st year, offers a unique and affordable selection of contemporary painting, sculpture, print and jewellery. Exhibitors include established artists such as award-winning painter James Fraser RSW and still life and landscape painter Gillian Henshaw.

Alex Sharp, Event Manager for St Columba's Hospice, said: "2017 marks the 40th anniversary of St Columba's Hospice making this year's exhibition extra special for exhibitors and supporters alike. We're overwhelmed by the generosity of all of the artists submitting work – it's great to be able to showcase the range and diversity of Scotland's creative talent, under one roof."



Madeleine Gardiner, a landscape artist from Edinburgh, studied at The Edinburgh Academy between 2009 and 2011, and is one of

this year's exhibitors. Madeleine said: "St Columba's Hospice is a cause very close to my heart, the exhibition is a great opportunity for me to display my work and raise money for a fantastic cause at the same time. I hope this fundraiser is a big success and that people across the capital will drop in to see what's on offer."

There is sure to be something for everyone and, to celebrate the Hospice's 40th anniversary there will also be a '40 for 40' exhibition wall which will feature 40 exclusive postcard paintings designed by featured artists and available to buy at £40 each.

Bonham's Auctioneers and Valuers will be on hand between 12pm and 3pm on Saturday 21 to value jewellery and Cat Outram, one of the featured artists will be doing printmaking demonstrations. Artist Catriona Millar has also donated one of her paintings, 'Marsha and Bud' for a raffle prize with tickets on sale throughout the weekend.

The exhibition is free for all to attend and offers art lovers a wonderful way to support the hospice with a portion of every sale being donated to the charity. Since launching in 1986, the event has raised over £330,000, helping St Columba's provide vital care and support to patients and their families across Edinburgh and the Lothians.

