RENOWNED LONDON ART GALLERY USHERS IN NEW ERA WITH SUMMER EXHIBITION DEDICATED TO EMERGING ARTISTS

- Green & Stone, the art shop and gallery known for supplying art materials to the likes of **David Hockney, Quentin Blake** and **Tracey Emin** welcomes new and emerging artists in its biggest Summer Exhibition yet.
- Thanks to an impressive fundraising effort following devastating flood damage in 2018, Green & Stone is returning to its roots with a focus on the artists of tomorrow.
- For the first time, the Summer Exhibition will feature a second space dedicated to 25 artworks by under 30s, as part of the gallery's commitment to supporting the undiscovered talent of the future.
- Green & Stone's Summer Exhibition is in partnership with luxury travel company,
 Abercrombie & Kent.

KEY DATES FOR PRESS:

- The Summer Exhibition will take place from 1st 29th August 2023
- The Press Breakfast will take place on **26**th **July 2023 8am-10am** (invite only)
- The Private View and Awards Ceremony will take place on 1st August 2023 6.30pm-9pm (invite only)
- Managing Director, Hester Baldwin, is available for interview pre and during the Summer Exhibition

Green & Stone, the internationally renowned art shop, gallery, and framers in the heart of Chelsea is emerging from years of hardship into an exciting new era with their biggest Summer Exhibition to date.

Dedicated to emerging and established artists from around the world, this year's Summer Exhibition will focus on the artists of the future, in partnership with Abercrombie & Kent and will be taking place at The Gallery at Green & Stone from 1-29th August 2023.

For the first time, Green & Stone are dedicating one of their Gallery spaces to young artists and will feature a curated selection of 25 artworks by under 30s to highlight and encourage artists at the beginning of their careers. Green & Stone take pride in being the first rung on the ladder of success for many artists. The 135 chosen artworks on show are guaranteed to be hugely varied, unique, contemporary, and affordable.

Green & Stone has a 90 year history of supplying art materials and framing services to the likes of David Hockney, Quentin Blake, Charlie Mackesy, Damien Hirst and Tracey Emin. In 2018, however, the shop was almost destroyed by devastating flooding that resulted in the forced evacuation of the King's Road premises. However, with Director Hester Baldwin at the helm, Green & Stone survived thanks to their fiercely loyal fan-base of customers.

Charlie Mackesy, who famously donated a drawing to help with the fundraising effort, said:

"Without the support of Green & Stone in the early days, I'm not sure if I'd have continued to be an artist."

Green & Stone were able to move to brand-new premises on the Fulham Road, and expanded their business model by opening two gallery spaces. In a symbolic nod to the work done to save Green & Stone, it is within these two gallery spaces that the Summer Exhibition will be showcasing the most exciting emerging talent for four weeks this August.

Selection is done blindly and assessed purely on the quality of artwork. The notable selection panel this year is made up of: Holly Frean (artist), Mary Miller (Director of Marlborough Fine Art) and Catrin Treadwell (artist, and former BBC World Service).

There is more than £17,000 worth of prizes at the Summer Exhibition - the first of which is a fully funded solo show. Previous winners include Nneka Uzoigwe and Michael Slusakowicz and since exhibiting at Green & Stone, both artists have soared within the artistic community.

This year's Private View and Awards Ceremony will take place on **1**st **August 2023 6.30pm**-**9pm**, with drinks provided by Canned Wine Co, East London Brewing Company, Tom Savano Cocktails, and Nuisance Drinks.

This is always a fantastic opening night hosted by the Gallery which spills onto the street, and a great opportunity to network with artists, curators, collectors, and art lovers alike. All are welcome and encouraged to join.

- Please RSVP to the Press Breakfast and/or Private View to: <u>events@greenandstone.com</u>
- For interviews with **Hester Baldwin**, please contact: events@greenandstone.com
- For all other press enquiries, please contact: PR@greenandstone.com
- For updates on The Gallery at Green & Stone Summer Exhibition, follow:
 - o Facebook: @thegalleryatgreenandstone
 - o Instagram: @thegalleryatgreenandstone
 - O Website: <u>www.thegalleryatgreenandstone.com/summer-exhibition-2023</u>

Notes to editors

The Gallery at Green & Stone

Green & Stone, the internationally renowned art shop, opened the Gallery in 2018. The Gallery hosts two open calls annually to showcase emerging talent, with the aim of being the first rung on the ladder of success for many artists. The artwork they showcase is unique, contemporary, and affordable.

The Gallery at Green & Stone Summer Exhibition

Created in 2018, the Summer Exhibition now includes £17,000 worth of prizes. The selection panel changes every year, with selection done blindly and assessed purely on the quality of the artwork. The Private View culminates the selection process with an opening night that spills onto the street, providing an excellent opportunity to network with artists, curators,

collectors, and art lovers. This year, the gallery is excited to introduce another room to the Summer Exhibition that features 25 artworks by young and emerging artists, with the aim of highlighting and encouraging artists at the beginning of their careers. Additionally, the de Laszlo Foundation has generously donated the Young Artist Award for the second consecutive year.

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Judges

Holly Frean

 Artist known for her wit and humour-infused work, including oil paintings on canvas, gouaches on paper, and 3D pieces. She won numerous awards, including the 2012 National Open Art Competition Painting Prize.

Mary Miller

 Mary Miller worked at Marlborough Fine Art for 45 years. She organised exhibitions and produced catalogues in London and worldwide, notably with Paula Rego. She helped advise international clients with their collection

Catrin Treadwell

Artist and former announcer for the BBC World Service. Catrin works closely
with the Wallace Collection and National Gallery and teaches portraiture at
240 Project, a centre for the formerly homeless and vulnerable. She is also a
trustee of F.A.I. UK, which cares for the built heritage and landscape of Italy.

Notable pre-selected artists for Summer Exhibition 2023

- Abi Joy Samuel (<u>@abijoysamuelart</u>)
- Chris Kenny (@chriskenny.art)
- Felicity Joy Starr (@felicityjoystarr)
- Frances Featherstone (off-arranges-featherstone)
- Geoffrey Harrison (@geoffreyharrison)
- Georgina Crisford (@georginacrisford art)
- Habib Hajallie (@habib hajallie)
- Hayam Elsayed (@hayamelsayedart)
- Kat Kristof (@kat kristof)
- Kayoon Anderson (@kayoon anderson)
- Laura Hope (@ laurahope)
- Max White (<a>@maxwhiteartist)
- May Watson (@maywatsonart)
- Michael Slusakowicz (@michaelslusakowicz)
- Mimi Dickson (@mimidicksonpaintings)
- Natalia Shaloshvili (@nataly owl)
- Nneka Uzoigwe (@nnekauzoigwe)
- Patrick Morales-Lee (@patrickmoraleslee)
- Rachel Mercer (@rachelmercerartist)
- Richard Baker (@richardbakerpainting)
- Svetlana Semenova (@sv fineart)
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- Wilfrid Wood (@wilfridwoodsculptor)
- William Reinsch (@williamreinsch)
- Xanthe Burdett (@xantheburdett artist)

Prizes

- The Green & Stone Award, awarded by Green & Stone: a fully funded solo show (worth £10,000) for the artist who exhibits a real feeling for their medium and its aesthetic potential.
- The De Laszlo Foundation Young Artist Award, awarded by Damon and Sandra de Laszlo: a £3,000 cash award to a young artist aged 30 or under.
- The Gallery's Choice, awarded by Abercrombie & Kent, a £1,000 Green & Stone voucher to the artist who shows the most potential.
- The Small Artwork Award: a £1,000 cash prize awarded to an artwork not exceeding 30.5 cm (12 inches) in length or height (unframed).
- The Treadwell Materiality Award, awarded by Catrin Treadwell: a £500 cash prize to the artist who portrays a real interest and knowledge of materiality and their chosen medium.
- **The Damian Greenish Drawing Award,** awarded by Damian Greenish: a £500 cash prize for the strongest drawing.
- The Michael Harding Oil Painting Award, awarded by the judges:
 - First Prize: £350 worth of Michael Harding merchandise for the most distinguished oil painting.
 - Second Prize: £250 worth of Michael Harding merchandise for the highly commended oil painting.
- The Michael Harding Watercolour Award, donated by Michael Harding, awarded by the judges:
 - First Prize: £350 worth of Michael Harding merchandise for the most distinguished watercolour painting.
 - Second Prize: £250 worth of Michael Harding merchandise for the highly commended watercolour painting.
- The Schminke Award, awarded by the judges: a luxury Hodram Watercolour set in a wooden presentation box worth £150 to an artist who uses watercolour in an innovative way.
- The Sennelier Award for Pastel, awarded by the judges: a complete Sennelier Wooden Box Set of 175 Soft Pastels (worth £795) to the most distinguished pastel drawing.