

Press Release

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Gloucestershire Wildlife Artist in Major National Art Exhibition

Work by Gloucestershire wildlife artist Jackie Garner has been selected from almost 500 entries to appear alongside some of the biggest international names in contemporary wildlife art. *The Natural Eye* will be on display at the Mall Galleries in Central London from 27 October to 6 November 2011. BBC's Mark Carwardine (from *Last Chance to See*) will open the exhibition on Wednesday 26 October.

The Natural Eye is the international open submission exhibition produced annually by the Society of Wildlife Artists. This year's show features a new *Out of the Frame* exhibit, showing some of the expeditions and projects that member artists have been involved with.

Speaking from her studio in Stroud, Jackie commented: "With so much doom and gloom hitting the headlines it's easy to forget how uplifting our natural world can be. *The Natural Eye* exhibition offers visitors an opportunity to see international wildlife species through the eyes of the artists who've studied them. Whenever I'm painting wildlife I always aim to prompt the viewer to think 'I wish I'd seen that'."

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Notes to Editors

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Listings

The Natural Eye: Society of Wildlife Artists
Mall Galleries
The Mall (near Trafalgar Square), London SW1
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www.mallgalleries.org.uk

Open 27 October to 6 November 2011, 10am-5pm daily (closes 1pm on final day).
Admission £2.50, Concessions £1.50 (free to Friends of the FBA, Art Fund Members, Westminster Res-card holders and Under 16s).
Press view: Tuesday 26 October from 1pm

About Jackie Garner

Jackie Garner is a professional wildlife artist based in Stroud, Gloucestershire. Her work is held in collections as far afield as Norway, South Africa, Trinidad and Australia, and has been shown on BBC television.

Further information is available at www.jackiegarner.co.uk/pressroom.htm