

Press Release

Local Artist to exhibit in major national Wildlife art exhibition

Paintings by a local artist Rebecca Thorley-Fox have been selected from over 600 submissions to appear alongside works by some of Britain's leading wildlife artists. Two of Becky's plein air paintings will be featured in this year's Society of Wildlife Artist's annual exhibition, this is her fifth year in the show. The exhibition will be on display at the Mall Galleries between 24th October to 3rd November 2019. The Natural Eye exhibition will include over 350 works by members elected to the Society and artists selected from open submission. It has come to be recognised as the most prestigious and varied exhibition of wildlife art in the UK, covering a range of subject matter all inspired by the natural world.

Becky is a 'plein air' painter, preferring to take her paints and easel out into the landscape to work directly from life. She works through a telescope to observe and paint wildlife in the field. Becky loves the challenge and excitement of working from life and capturing the changing light, colours and atmosphere.

"I find the more senses I engage in the process of creating a painting – the richer the experience. A direct correspondence with nature affords me the opportunity for clarity and economy, encouraging risk and spontaneity in my approach. Every painting represents a unique period spent in the landscape – a sensory record and personal response to a specific mood, time, and place."

Originally from Cheshire, Becky moved to Wales in 2010 after graduating from University with a Creative Arts degree. She moved away from studio based work to begin painting wildlife from life over two long term art residencies at RSPB reserve Ynys Hir in 2014 and again in 2015. Becky later painted a mural of her favourite view on the reserve can be seen as you walk into the visitor centre. She has exhibited widely across Wales, her next solo exhibition is at Plas Glyn y Weddw, Llanbedrog, March 29th- May 10th 2020, works on display will depict the wildlife and welsh coast, in particular The Llyn Peninsula and Bardsey Island.

To find out more about Becky's work visit: www.beckythorley-fox.co.uk. See regular posts by Becky on her artist Instagram page: www.instagram.com/beckythorleyfox art.



Lesser Black backed Gull and passing Little Grebe, painted in the Autumn at Nant y Arian. 8",10", oil on canvas.



Herring Gulls on the Shore, painted in the summer at Llanrhystud beach. 12",16", oil on canvas.

The Natural Eye: Society of Wildlife Artists Annual Exhibition

24 October to 3 November 2019

Mall Galleries, The Mall, London SW1

www.mallgalleries.org.uk

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All exhibition works are for sale and prices start from as little as £95.

Admission £4, 50% off to Art Fund Members (Free to Friends of Mall Galleries, SWLA Friends and Under 25s).

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