

ALISON McWHIRTER

Alison McWhirter is one of the most exciting young Scottish artists currently on the British scene. In 2011, Scotland on Sunday newspaper described her as '*The new Scottish Colourist*' and in 2012 Homes & Interiors Magazine deemed her "*one of the top contemporary Scottish Colourists making waves in the art world.*"

Born in Dumfries in the border country of Scotland in 1975, she later attended Bath Academy of Art, the prestigious English school which has produced such luminaries as the colourist Howard Hodgkin. There she trained as an oil painter gaining BA Fine Art in 1998, then continuing her studies to gain a postgraduate MA in Visual Culture 2000.

McWhirter later returned to Scotland and, since moving to Glasgow in 2012, she has been accepted by the distinguished Royal Glasgow Institute (RGI) and Paisley Art Institute, where her work has frequently been exhibited in the company of some of Scotland's most celebrated artists.

McWhirter's painting exudes a special passion for colour, following a long heritage in Scottish painting going back to the "Scottish Colourists". While at first glance there is a traditional element to her work, a contemporary edge invites further scrutiny. Her studies of flowers are intimate, yet evoke a more exuberant mood through vibrant use of colour and uninhibited, bold brushwork. Her paintings are instinctive responses to her subject, often mixing paint directly on the canvas to create a sense of spontaneity – a characteristic prevalent in all her work.

Exhibitions

- 2014 AAF New York, with Carina Haslam Art
- 2014 AAF Battersea, London, with Carina Haslam Art Carina Haslam Art (CHA)
- 2014 Carina Haslam Gallery, London
- 2014 Oxford International Art Fair, with Carina Haslam Art
- 2013 Cambridge Art Fair, with Carina Haslam Art
- 2013 Scotland Art Bath Street Glasgow
- 2013 Red Rag, Bath
- 2013 Paisley Art Institute Annual Show
- 2012 Scotland Art, Glasgow
- 2012 Junction Art Gallery, Oxford
- 2012 The Biscuit Factory, Newcastle
- 2012 The Royal Glasgow institute Annual show
- 2011 Art Exposure Gallery, Glasgow
- 2011 London Affordable art fair, Battersea
- 2011 Scotland Art, Glasgow
- 2010 Harbour Arts Centre, Scotland Solo Show

Upcoming exhibitions

Carina Haslam Art Gallery, Buckinghamshire, Summer Show

AAF Hampstead, with Carina Haslam Art

20/21 International Art Fair, Royal College of Art, London