

Karen Sinclair Willis

Karen Sinclair Willis' Scottish roots are fundamental to her work. Born and brought up in the Shetlands Islands, with strong family links to Edinburgh and Aberdeen.

At the age of 18 she left to study art and photography in England, graduating eventually with a degree in Photographic Studies at Derby University under the watchful eye of John Blakemore.

Since then, Karen has reverted back to her painting roots, which she indulged in whilst at school, producing and selling much of her work in local galleries. Her bright use of colour, a feature of her work, results from the stunning light, colours and vast expanse of sea surrounding the islands.

Karen now lives in the market town of Morpeth. Close enough to the stunning coastline of Northumberland - a vast expanse to explore and paint. She loves to paint land and seascapes, and as part of the creative process sketching, constantly doodling and taking pictures, exploring new ideas and combinations of vibrant colour.

2009 was an amazing year for Karen as she presented HRH Prince Charles with a picture on his visit to Morpeth following the floods in Sept. Around the same time Karen appeared on Songs of Praise painting on the beach at Druridge Bay, and then she was interviewed by Aled Jones about her pictures, influences, at an exhibition at her house.



Recent highlights in Karen's career include:

- her work being featured at the Affordable Art Fair in London
- solo exhibition Peter Blake gallery, Dartford
- joint exhibition with Mary Batchelor at Di Rollo gallery, Dundas Street, Edinburgh
- presenting HRH Prince Charles with a picture
- work featured at Edinburgh, Dublin, Harrogate, Chelsea and Cambridge art fairs
- being featured artist on Songs of Praise in January 2009 with Aled Jones
- joint exhibition Alpha Art, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

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– solo exhibition at Schoolroom Gallery, Alnmouth

Featured Galleries

Alpha Art, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Di Rollo gallery, Dundas Street, Edinburgh

Life on Canvas, Comiston Road, Morningside, Edinburgh

Off the Wall gallery, Corbridge, Northumberland

The Biscuit Factory, Newcastle upon Tyne

The Bamburgh gallery, Bamburgh

The Chatton gallery, Chtton

The Smokehouse gallery, Eyemouth

The Schoolhouse gallery, Alnmouth

Gullane Art gallery, Gullane

The Spirit gallery, Eshott, Northumberland