

PRESS RELEASE

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**Call for Entries**  
**FAKENHAM CONTEMPORARY ART 2011**  
**Thursday 8 September – Sunday 18 September 2011**  
**Fakenham Parish Church**

**The second biennial Fakenham Contemporary Art exhibition will be held from Thursday 8 September until Sunday 18 September 2011 in the historic and stimulating setting of Fakenham's 14<sup>th</sup> Century Parish Church. Open to all Norfolk-based emerging and established artists working in a full range of media, this vibrant and exciting exhibition will celebrate the creativity being practiced in our county.**

Once again organised and curated by artists Keith and Debbie Osborn, of Hillside Gallery in Fakenham, together with Fakenham Parish Church, the exhibition will present a range of contemporary approaches to art with artists and makers in the county now invited to submit their work for selection.

The exhibition will exhibit work in the following media: ceramics, collage, drawing, installation, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and textiles. Selection is by open submission and subject matter is not restricted. A Call for Entries is now available to artists and can be downloaded from [www.fakenhamarts.org.uk](http://www.fakenhamarts.org.uk). The closing date for submission of work is Friday 17 June 2011.

Organiser Keith Osborn commented: "We are excited about the second of what is now officially a biennial contemporary art exhibition based in Fakenham and open to artists all over Norfolk. The first exhibition in 2009 saw nearly 3,500 visitors during the 10 days it was open and the sale of over 30% of the 90 works hung. We are therefore very much looking forward to building on that platform and adding something unique and ongoing to Norfolk's cultural calendar.

"This is an exciting new venture for the town and will continue to raise Fakenham's profile on the arts map of Norfolk. There is such vitality and creativity in our county and being able to use this stirring venue to showcase some of the best work of Norfolk's contemporary artists and makers will make for an exhilarating exhibition".

The Rev. Adrian Bell, the Rector of Fakenham Parish Church, said: "I am absolutely thrilled that the Church is hosting this exhibition: the vital artistic creativity practiced by those in our community and beyond deserves to be celebrated and where better than in such a living and inspiring venue".

The exhibition will be open from 10am to 4pm every day from Thursday 8 September to Sunday 18 September 2011 (12pm to 4pm on Sundays) with a special late opening on Thursday 15 September 2011 from 6pm to 8pm. A range of accompanying events will also take place during the exhibition.

Ends.

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**Further information:**

On this exhibition: [www.fakenhamarts.org.uk](http://www.fakenhamarts.org.uk)

On Hillside Gallery & Studios: [www.hillsidegallery.net](http://www.hillsidegallery.net)

On Fakenham Parish Church: [www.fakenhamparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.fakenhamparishchurch.org.uk)