

# Press release

## **'From the Western Isles to the East End'**

**24 May - 5 June 2021**

Four artists living on the island of North Uist are bringing their exhibition 'Hebridean Spaces' ('Leirsinn nan Eilean') to the Espacio Gallery in Shoreditch, London.

North Uist is one of the islands in the remote Outer Hebridean archipelago. It's dominated by water - both by the surrounding sea and by a myriad of freshwater lochs, and also by wide open skies. It's very varied topographically, with an ancient, rocky, peat and heather clad interior, and a fertile green rim around the coasts, fringed with sandy beaches.

The island lies in the path of Atlantic low pressure systems, and is a place of dynamic weather and wind.

It's both a challenging and rewarding place to live; our exhibition will bring an impression of this to the very contrasting environment of London. This will be through the experience of four artists inspired by the same place, but using very different and engaging approaches to express this.

The four artists are:

**Marnie Keltie** - painting...

"My current work is rooted in the beach environment near where I live. It's my attempt to express both the sense of exposure experienced on the Atlantic shore, and the changing worlds created and recreated on the surface of the beach by the endless rhythm of the tide."

**Corinna Krause** - bookbinding...

"I explore my relationship with the environment surrounding me by incorporating island - specific materials such as sand, netting, fish farm overalls and creel hooks into my book structures and by experimenting with long established binding techniques to find new ways of expression."

**Fiona Pearson** - painting & printmaking...

"Hurled through with birds...Rilke.

I make abstract paintings in response to the significant spaces in the island's land and sky."

**Fergus Granville** - sculpture / assemblage...

"Either co-created with the sea or inspired by found objects, sometimes a blend of natural history and art."

In 2019 this same group took an exhibition to the Dundas St. Gallery in Edinburgh.

This was very well received and reviewed; Art critic Duncan MacMillan awarded the exhibition four stars in 'The Scotsman'.

We then decided to aim for an exhibition in London, and this is our third attempt; dates in February and April have already been postponed due to the pandemic.

The exhibition runs for two weeks, from May 24th to June 5th at the Espacio Gallery, 159 Bethnal Green Road, Shoreditch.

More can be seen at the artist's website/instagram:

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