

## LOVES AND CURIOSITIES

**CLASSICAL ARTIST GEORGINA BARCLAY HIGHLIGHTS  
WHY TRADITIONAL PAINTING IS BACK IN THE  
SPOTLIGHT WITH HER FORTHCOMING SOLO  
EXHIBITION:  
THE AIR GALLERY, DOVER STREET FROM 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>  
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Classical portrait artist, Georgina Barclay, will host a major exhibition this November at Mayfair's Air Gallery and will display over 40 works of art including portraiture, still-life and landscape.

Georgina, 31, became the youngest artist to paint a British Royal when she was commissioned by the Black Watch to paint His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales in 2007.

Her forthcoming exhibition is an eclectic collection of subject matter ranging from quirky still-life, landscapes from the South of Spain to a series of dancers.

“I have enjoyed creating modern paintings using my classical training. The still life in the exhibition aim to entertain as well as being beautiful - the eye contact between Mick Jagger and a porcelain duck is so absurd that I find it amusing. The exhibition is a colourful cocktail. I think we could do with some light hearted art at the moment”

Georgina’s exhibition is vibrant breath of fresh air. Oil paint on canvas is definitely back in vogue and the exciting collection of modern subjects will cheer and entice. Aestheticism is not dead. The work is refreshingly honest and brings painting from life up to date.

Georgina studied art at Newcastle University and then at the Charles H. Cecil studios in Florence. She has been trained in the techniques of the Renaissance Masters and her work reflects this. Her portraiture aspires to capture character and a perfect likeness using a contemporary freedom of brushwork and colour.

Based in her Chelsea studio, Georgina has enjoyed a highly successful career as a portrait painter to date. Her work has become a regular part of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters Exhibition at the Mall Gallery and she has shown work throughout the UK. Her commissioned work has taken her all over Europe.

Georgina’s commissions include a variety of British subjects from society names to those involved in sport and dance; military figures of stature and soldiers arriving fresh from Iraq or Afghanistan. Recent achievements have included Lord Guthrie, Lord Justice Slade and a large painting of Richard Dunwoody doing ‘The 1000 Mile Challenge’ which is to be auctioned for charity (Georgina is a direct descendent of Captain Barclay who originally completed the 1000 mile challenge in 1809).

**GEORGINA BARCLAY PORTRAIT ARTIST**  
**THE AIR GALLERY, DOVER STREET, W1**  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009**  
**10am – 8pm, free admission**  
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