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FERENS ART GALLERY LAUNCHES DEEP ART SHOW

The Deep, Hull's £45.5m Millennium Commission lottery is exhibiting work made by participants in its recent artist in residence workshops at The Ferens Art Gallery. Some 650 children and 100 adults took part in the artist led sessions held at The Deep Jan 19th –29th.

The Deep welcomed participants of all ages and experience to express the colour, light, movement, shapes and texture inspired by The Deep displays. The culmination of their spectacular work is The Deep Art Show on display at The Ferens Art Gallery, Hull 5th – 29th February.

The exhibition will be officially opened by Hull City Council corporate director Helen McMullen at the Deep Art Show preview at 5.30 pm, Wednesday February 4th.

Deep Chairman Cllr David Gemmell commented,

" The Deep is committed to Lifelong Learning and creating greater awareness of the importance of the conservation of the world's oceans. I feel that The Deep Art Show demonstrates how we are striving to best fulfill these aims."

Sue Wilson, programme leader for design at Wilberforce College said,

"We brought 2 groups of 1st year AS students (17 year-olds), who are working on a marine life project . One group worked on 3D fish with sculptor Jacky Ward Lomax and the other made fish mosaics with artist Jayne Cooper. All our students responded really quickly to the artists, the materials and the inspirational environment. They've all achieved fabulous work in a short space of time. The opportunity to see their finished work exhibited at the Ferens Art Gallery has strongly motivated both classes."

Christine Brady , Assistant Keeper of Art (Exhibitions) for The Ferens Art Gallery commented,

" This magical extravaganza of colour, shape and texture celebrates life in our oceans. We're delighted to have this opportunity to exhibit work inspired by The Deep here at The Ferens. The artwork includes a huge variety of work ranging from shimmering shoals of sculptural fish to colourful collages on a marine theme. The work has been created by people of all ages from 5 to 87!"

Photo opportunities – from 5.30pm, Wednesday 4th February at The Ferens Art Gallery

Press are invited to attend the preview which will include numerous photo and interview opportunities.

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