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Dunblane Artist Premieres Work At Innovation Park

Self taught local artist Jamie Ness will stage the first exhibition of his work at Stirling University Innovation Park.

Jamie who lives in Dunblane will hang up to 40 of his paintings in the exhibition he has called 'Breakthrough', mirroring his aim that the event will bring him wider recognition.

The exhibition in the reception area of Scion House on the Innovation Park will run from Monday 30th October through to 12th December and is part of the 'Art on the Park' programme.

Jamie, whose day job is at the nearby Gannochy Sports Centre on the University campus, describes himself as a contemporary artist.

He grew up in Essex and North Yorkshire moving to Scotland in his early teens and it was the powerful landscape of his new environment that inspired his interest in painting.

Soon he started experimenting with various mediums to express his interests in landscapes, music and emotions.

A desire to create more powerful interpretations of light moved him to the dynamic medium of acrylics and this is seen in his work on sunsets, sunrises, land and seascapes.

Jamie's love of the outdoors inspires and informs his work. The acrylics are applied very thickly to evoke the textures of the rocks and landscape in his atmospheric works.

Many of his paintings are on deep unframed canvasses, with the images wrapping around the sides in the same thick textures.

Another form of his work is in pastels, capturing his feelings on movement and haunting facial expressions.

An eclectic taste in music influences his most abstract work.

Jamie says: "I am a self-taught artist. I have been drawing and painting for many years; at present, a lot of my work is based around the Scottish landscape. I use acrylics to convey a sense of the power and beauty of the hills, rivers and glens."

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Jamie/

My work is expressionistic in its nature, portraying the beauty of sea, sky, mountains and colours that are abundant in Scotland.

The outdoors has always held my passion. I spend a lot of my time running and cycling locally, and I continue to gain inspiration for my art through the light, colour and dramatic mountain scenery that surrounds the area.”

The 'Breakthrough' exhibition is the latest in the ongoing 'Art of the Park' programme introduced by the Innovation Park in collaboration with the University of Stirling's Art Department to provide a platform for local artists to promote their work. It has already helped secure sales worth £10,000 for those who have participated.

Lynn Blaikie, the Innovation Park's Operations and Business Development Manager, said: “The Art on the Park initiative has been very successful in providing local artists with the opportunity to display their work. We are delighted to have a University campus colleague take advantage of the programme and wish Jamie every success with his 'Breakthrough' exhibition.”

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Editor's notes

You can learn more about Jamie and his work at www.jamieness.com

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