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**Meet & Greet:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

**Who are you and what do you do?**

I am a commission artist from Welwyn and developed my own unique signature style in vibrant and playful acrylic paintings.

**How has your practice changed over time?**

I studied Fine Art at University. I started with painting, but my final work was with photography and video. I was a graphic designer for many years which seemed to encourage my style with precision and graphic elements. My paintings are evolving and developing every year but still recognisably mine.



**What themes do you pursue?**

I try to look at different themes each year as to submit new work for galleries and local exhibitions I am involved in. In recent years my “on-white” animal series has been very popular and of course the beloved stags, which was part of a solo show 'HART STAG' at the Hertford Tourist Information Centre in 2017 and they continue to sell my work. The council also license my stag work for Tourist gifts on cushions, mugs etc.

**Name three artists who have influenced your work.**

My main influence is Kandinsky. I find colour in everything. A slight hint of lilac in the dullest concrete turns to bright purple. I want each colour to have its moment and guide your eye around the painting. Most of all, like Kandinsky, "I want the colours I use to sing and bring joy to the viewer."

**What couldn't you live without?**

Sunshine, Love and Wine!