

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Charity Art Auction at Bonhams

**Tuesday 8 March 2011**

**6.30pm – 8.00pm**

Viewing opens Sunday 6 March 2011

**Bonhams, 101 New Bond Street, London, W1S 1SR**

Paintings in Hospitals is delighted to announce that this year's fundraising art auction will take place at Bonhams on Tuesday 8 March 2011.

Last year's auction raised £35,000 for Paintings in Hospitals and we hope to do even better in 2011. The sale will feature works donated by some of the most wonderful artists working in Britain today, with many new supporters such as **Julian Opie**, Ana Maria Pacheco, Lisa Milroy and **Gerry Judah**, alongside committed Paintings in Hospitals supporters such as **Bridget Riley, Ian Davenport** and Anita Klein.

The funds raised from this year's art auction will help to develop our **Children and Young People's Collection**. This loan scheme allows healthcare sites to borrow from a collection of artworks specifically selected with children and teenagers in mind.

"The hospital environment, particularly children's wards, can benefit enormously by having creative works to uplift the spirit and I am very pleased to contribute towards the development of the Children and Young People's Collection."

Ana Maria Pacheco

"We know that **younger patients can find healthcare environments particularly distressing** and unsettling. Appropriate art on display in waiting rooms, hallways and treatment rooms can offer a much needed distraction from the stresses of treatment and waiting to be seen – strains which many younger patients suffer but cannot always articulate. The display of suitable artworks in children's wards and paediatric departments will improve clinical recovery and reduce stress in patients, their families and hospital staff"

Stuart Davie, Director, Paintings in Hospitals

Currently, we can only afford to offer this service to benefit younger patients in the London area. With the money raised from this year's auction we intend to provide all healthcare sites across the UK access to our Children and Young People's loan scheme.

Online auction catalogue: [www.paintingsinhospitals.org.uk/events/auction.htm](http://www.paintingsinhospitals.org.uk/events/auction.htm)

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## Note to Editors

### About Paintings in Hospitals

Paintings in Hospitals is the only national charity dedicated to improving healthcare experience through the provision of an art library to improve health and well-being, benefitting thousands of NHS patients, staff and visitors each year.

We lend 4,500 artworks, including paintings, prints and sculptures, to hundreds of healthcare facilities through our regional centres across the UK. Our unique curated loan schemes are tailored for varied healthcare users and include the Main Loan Scheme, Hospice Scheme, the Children and Young People Scheme and the Touring Exhibition Scheme.

We know that as well as supporting patients, our work helps their families and carers:

*"The bright, vibrant colours and central setting sun in Tropical Island by Sylvia Edwards served as a focal point for me during some very dark and difficult days when my son was on PICU."*

Mother of patient in Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, St Georges, Tooting

In addition to the picture loan service, the charity runs a series of specialist arts projects, working with groups including the elderly, mental health organisations and patients in a neuro-rehabilitation unit.

Paintings in Hospitals relies on charitable donations and grants to continue its work.

### Clinical Benefits of Putting Art in Hospitals

The Charity is recognised by the Department of Health. There is growing evidence to support the inclusion of the visual arts within healthcare provision. In 2007, the Department of Health published its *Review of Arts and Health Working Group* which reported that:

- Arts and health are integral to health, health provision and healthcare
- Arts and health initiatives are delivering real and measurable benefits across a wide range of priority areas of health
- Such initiatives contribute to key wider Government initiatives
- There is a wealth of good practice and a substantial evidence base

### About the Artists

**Norman Ackroyd, Maurice Cockrill, Eileen Cooper, Ian Davenport, Antony Frost  
Patrick Hughes, Albert Irvin, Jarik Jongman, Gerry Judah, Anita Klein, Lisa Milroy  
Julian Opie, Ana Maria Pacheco, Bridget Riley, Joe Tilson, Jonathan Trayte  
Anthony Whishaw**

This year's auction contains a refreshingly diverse, yet consistently high quality, breadth of styles, suitable for a broad range of tastes and budgets. Stand out pieces include:

- A beautiful Ian Davenport acrylic on paper striped study in lilac.
- A 'Places of Change' screen-print by Bridget Riley, who is currently celebrated in an exhibition at the National Gallery.
- Jonathan Trayte's luscious contemporary painted bronze sculpture, by one of 2010's most heralded graduates from the Royal Academy Schools.
- Jarik Jongmans contribution: the contemporary painting Phenomena #5 was selected for the Threadneedle Prize 2010 and won First Prize at the National Open Art Competition 2010.
- A strikingly beautiful painting by Gerry Judah, who has received widespread acclaim for his recent work at the Imperial War Museum North in Manchester.

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