

Sarah Jane Brown
Contemporary Welsh Landscape Painter

## **Press Release**

## Paintings by landscape artist Sarah Jane Brown to feature in Royal Cambrian Academy's Open Exhibition

Two landscape paintings by renowned Pembrokeshire artist Sarah Jane Brown have been selected to feature in the Royal Cambrian Academy's (RCA) Open Exhibition 2019. Opening on Saturday 5th January at the RCA in Conwy, North Wales, the exhibition will be available to view until Saturday 9th February 2019.

Sarah Jane's two powerful paintings 'Emotions run deep' and 'Retained heat' examine her relationship with the coastal landscape of her home in Pembrokeshire, West Wales and explore the complex connections between environment and emotion. She seeks to convey the varied sensations of being in the landscape; sometimes calm, restorative, or spiritually uplifting and at other times wild, dynamic, rejuvenating and mentally energising. An emotional narrative runs throughout her work, and her contemplative and expressive style encourages viewers to connect and engage on a deeper level.

Combining a mix of traditional and contemporary techniques, Sarah Jane's rich style uses a variety of methods; staining, glazing and blending in many layers, gradually building up thickness and texture. Paint is applied with brushes, knives, rags and sometimes fingers. It is painted, scraped, flicked, spattered and poured on in a very intuitive decision making process.

A centre for artistic excellence in Wales, the RCA was constituted in 1881 by Queen Victoria, and is proud to have HRH Prince of Wales as Patron and Honorary Artist Member. A unique institution, the RCA is an independent charity supporting Welsh art and artists, where art is encouraged, made, exhibited and debated. It aims to exhibit work by members of the Academy, to promote up and coming artists of quality, to mount historical exhibitions and offer a lively venue for education.

Sarah Jane has exhibited widely across the UK, and her work is now collected internationally. An Associate Member (AGSA) of The Guild Society of Artists, her notable highlights include exhibiting with the Royal Society of Marine Artists at London's Mall Galleries, and the Royal Cambrian Academy in North Wales.

Upcoming international events include a number of exhibitions planned at the Art Nou Millenni Gallery in Barcelona, and exhibiting at the Museum Gustavo Maetzu in Navarra, Northern Spain in 2019. Current work is also available to view at Off The Wall Gallery in Cardiff, Etcetera Gallery in St Davids, the Russell Gallery in Putney and The Discerner Gallery in Mayfair by appointment. For further information please visit www.sjbfineart.com.

## Royal Cambrian Academy (RCA) Open Exhibition 2019

Dates: Saturday 5th January to Saturday 9th February 2019

Opening hours: 11am-5pm Tuesday to Saturday

Venue: Royal Cambrian Academy, Crown Lane, Conwy, North Wales LL32 8AN

