

ON TO PASTURES NEW

an exhibition of paintings by Mike Jory

"Most of my work involves painting living things and in keeping with this I have recently been inspired by the way animals behave in groups, whether leading, responding to, or skittering behind one another they create flowing, dynamic and sometimes humorous compositions. Herds of cows in particular are full of comical character within the crowd and subjects are plentiful in Devon.

"I use the newer-style Atelier interactive acrylic paints which allow the paint to be blended and re-worked (provided the surface of the painting is kept hydrated). Thus, in the later stages of the work, glazes of conventional acrylics are sometimes used. It's possible to put down broad strokes, narrow lines and fine points all with the same flat

square brush and these brushes thereby allow me to respond to the subject quickly and spontaneously."

Mike Jory is an artist living and working in Exeter. His interests include animal, portrait and figurative paintings, landscape, still life, music, graphic/product design and cartoons. His work has appeared in the National Gallery, Westminster Gallery and Newlyn Alexander Gallery in London, and he has held several one man shows in Devon. Recently he painted portraits of the actresses Amanda Barrie and Patsy Stone and created two large-scale murals for the Devon Wildlife Trust. His work is in private collections throughout the UK and Europe.

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