

Date: 27th May 2011. For Immediate Release.



dot-art's Pop Up Art Shop #2 at Metquarter

Metquarter is joining forces with dot-art to launch an exclusive Pop-Up Art Shop for just three days at a time, with this second instalment running from 2nd-4th June 2011. Shoppers will be able to buy original work created by artists from across the region.

The aim of the Pop-Up Art Shop is to showcase local talent and allow people access to quality, interesting, affordable art for their homes and offices, in a friendly, non-gallery environment.

Lucy Byrne from dot-art said, ***"We have always tried to encourage people to regard art as part of everyday life and make it accessible, relevant and enjoyable to all. By locating this project in a retail environment, we hope that people will feel comfortable coming in to take a look, have a chat, and perhaps take their first step into the world of art buying."***

A wide range of pieces will be on display, from traditional still life to modern abstracts and the collection has been designed to appeal to both seasoned collectors and first time buyers.

Some of the highlights of this second show include; a series of semi-abstract paintings of trees by Martin Jones, who looks for pattern and structure within apparent randomness and confusion, imposing order and emphasizing repetition of forms and shapes; new work by popular urban artist Nathan Pendlebury, evocative seascapes by South African native Andrew Kinmont and a series of light-hearted paintings of cats by Sophie Green.



Jennina O'Neill, Metquarter Centre Manager, added, *"This is the first time we have been home to a Pop-Up Art Shop and everyone is really excited about it. Lucy and the team at dot-art have put together an imaginative and compelling collection and we think it will go down a storm with Metquarter visitors."*

The Pop-Up Art Shop is situated on the upper level of the Metquarter, opposite Cafe Rouge and will be opening: Thursday 2nd June 4-7pm, Friday 3rd June 11-6pm and Saturday 4th June 11-6pm.

-ENDS -

Notes to editors.

- **dot-art Ltd** is an art gallery and consultancy based in Liverpool city centre, specialising in affordable, high quality, locally sourced art, on a sale, commission and rental basis, as well as offering a range of complementary services including; art consultancy, exhibition planning and implementation, bespoke framing, art valuation and restoration and artist sourcing.
- **dot-art Services CIC** is a not-for-profit organisation which exists to support North-West based visual artists, both emerging and established, through a range of services and activities designed to help them develop their careers and gain exposure and promotion for their work. A Social Enterprise with artists at its heart, dot-art Services CIC functions in a unique fashion, operating a membership system which gives artists a range of benefits including their own web page, access to exhibition, career development and promotional opportunities, as well as help and advice, networking events and discounts on art supplies and framing. For more information, see www.dot-art.com
- **Metquarter** houses 33 national and international brands and attracts customers from all over the North West. Please see website for full list of brands www.metquarter.com

For more details, please contact:

- Lucy Byrne, Director of dot-art on T: 0845 0176660, M: 07976 723796 E: enquiries@dot-art.com – High-resolution images available on request.
- Or Karen Deas on 0151 293 0505 k.deas@claritycreation.com