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### **dot-art Announces Regular Pop Up Art Shops at Metquarter**

Following a successful pilot in the spring, every quarter dot-art will be taking over a key site at Liverpool's Metquarter in the city centre, offering shoppers the chance to purchase original paintings by local artists. The art shop will "pop-up" over two weekends every three months; with the Autumn session taking place from 8th September 2011.

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 were delighted by the response to our initial pop up shop, which proved the demand for easily accessible, locally sourced art exists in the city. Many visitors asked when we would be back, so it is great to be able to confirm a quarterly event – we are already planning our mid-December pop up, just in time for Christmas!"***

Artwork to suit all tastes and pockets will be on display, from limited edition prints from just £20, to large scale original oil paintings. Traditional landscapes from across the North West will sit side by side with vibrant abstract canvases and framed photographic prints.

The successful format of the Pop Up Art Shop was also underlined when Hannah Mort of Barefoot Wines approached dot-art, offering to support future events. She said: ***"Over the years, Barefoot has been part of thousands of non-profit events, our popularity has grown along with our support of these ground breaking organisations. Following recent links with local organisations including The Liverpool Art Prize, LOOK 11 and Liverpool Pride, we are delighted to add dot-art's Pop Up Art Shops to our growing roster of community partnerships."***

Jennina O'Neill Metquarter Centre Manager added, ***"The first pop up shop went really well and Metquarter shoppers loved it as predicted. We are all look forward to seeing what dot art's artists have created this time round."***



The Pop-Up Art Shop is situated on the upper level of the Metquarter, opposite Cafe Rouge.

**Autumn 2011 Pop Up Opening Times:**

Thursday 8th September 4-7pm (Preview Evening), Friday 7th September 11am-6pm, Saturday 8th September 11am-6pm.

Thursday 15th September 4-7pm, Friday 16th September 11am-6pm, Saturday 17th September 11am-6pm

*Generously supported by Barefoot Wines and Metquarter.*

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**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. For more information, see [www.dot-art.com](http://www.dot-art.com)
- **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. For more information, see [services.dot-art.com](http://services.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](http://www.metquarter.com)
- **Barefoot Wine** Our wines have garnered numerous accolades and awards, but more importantly to us, we have a growing circle of loyal fans who love and enjoy our wine and who have joined us in the spirit of giving back to our communities and to our world. Visit [www.barefootwine.com](http://www.barefootwine.com) or email [hannah@barefootwine.com](mailto:hannah@barefootwine.com) for more information.

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