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### **Winter Pop Up Art Shop returns to Metquarter for Christmas**

To celebrate the festive season, dot-art will be once again opening their Pop Up Art Shop at the Metquarter, from 8<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> December, giving the public a fantastic opportunity to buy unique, locally produced art work and prints. Perfect for sourcing a unique Christmas gift for those hard to buy for loved ones!

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, ***"The Pop up Art shops have been a huge success in 2011, and we are delighted to return in December with another group of hugely talented artists. I hope we can provide some inspiration to everyone struggling with their Christmas shopping, encourage people to buy something a bit different this year- and support local artists at the same time!"***

Artwork to suit all tastes and pockets will be on display by over 20 artists, from limited edition prints from just £20, to large scale original paintings. Highlights include: Helene Gilmore's light-hearted new series of "Cupcake" paintings, stunning oils by Cheshire artist Andrew Kinmont who was recently selected for exhibition at the Royal Institute of Oil Painters, the highly sought after wildlife sculpture of Tony Evans and a wide range of locally themed limited edition prints. The Pop-Up Art Shop is situated on the upper level of the Metquarter, next to Timberland.

#### **Winter 2011 Pop Up Opening Times:**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 4-8pm (Preview Evening)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> -11am-6pm, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>- 11am-6pm, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> -12pm-5pm

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>-Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - 11am-8pm

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> -11am-7pm, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> -12pm-5pm

*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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