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**Art @ The Orchard – James Lavott  
Launch Event Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January, Exhibition 29<sup>th</sup> January - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January, The Orchard Restaurant will launch the first of a new series of exhibitions in collaboration with local arts organisation dot-art, showcasing the work of local artists and exposing their work to a wide audience, in relaxed, inviting surroundings.**

The Orchard is a contemporary British restaurant spread over two floors of an old spice mill on Blundell Street situated in Liverpool's Baltic Triangle. The venue prides itself on its use of only locally sourced ingredients, and now extends this local commitment with the development of this exciting exhibition program.

The first show will see the work of self taught painter James Lavott on show over two floors. Over the past two years, James has worked with prolific intensity to create a large and impressive portfolio of work, drawing inspiration from a host of artists including Velasquez, Dali, Picasso and Bacon. The ground floor will host a selection of works from his "Bar Scenes" series. The artist says: "The Bar Scenes depict the feelings and moods associated with the sites and sounds associated with dining out, eating, drinking and celebration. The works are painted with a relatively thick palette knife application interspersed with finer details from the brush. The result reveals a rich mix of colours and textures full of vibrancy and movement. "

The lower ground floor will showcase a variety of other work demonstrating James' diversity and talent, including surrealist works drawing inspiration from Dali, as well as his latest, portrait based works, inspired by a trip to Parga in North West Greece.

Tom Stanley of the Orchard has high hopes for the project: "I look forward to introducing our customers to some fantastic artwork over the course of 2010, and encouraging the support and patronage of local talent and produce, whether this be art or food."

**For complimentary tickets to the exhibition launch event on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January, please visit: <http://jameslavottattheorchard.eventbrite.com> .**



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High resolution images available on request.

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**Notes to editors.**

**The Orchard Liverpool** is a new restaurant situated on 57 Blundell Street. Our bar and restaurant menu presents customers with the opportunity to sample high quality wholesome comfort food, all sourced from within a 55 miles radius. Private hire is available

See [www.theorchardliverpool.com](http://www.theorchardliverpool.com) for more information

**dot-art** is a Liverpool based art gallery and consultants which exists to make affordable original art accessible to all and help artists promote and sell their work.

We offer a comprehensive, flexible and affordable service to our corporate clients, from consultancy and sourcing to framing and hanging. Work can be acquired on a purchase, commission or rental basis, and can be built into wider marketing, branding or CSR objectives using a variety of bespoke approaches, including exhibitions, artist talks, promotional launches or events and staff workshops.

dot-art functions in a unique fashion, operating a membership system which gives artists a range of benefits including their own web page, exhibition and promotional opportunities, access to sales and rental avenues, as well as help and advice, networking events and discounts on art supplies and framing.

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