

### REDSPOT UNLOCKED

An Online Exhibition by the Redspot Artists in support of

The Countryside Alliance and The Atlantic Salmon Trust

21st May - 20th June 2021

This brochure shows a small selection from the exhibition A full preview can be seen at *redspot-artists.com* 

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#### REDSPOT

Redspot was founded in 2001 by a collective of some of the finest wildlife artists in Britain. Together they are widely acknowledged as being one of the most innovative artistic groups in their field, producing work of the very highest standard in a diverse range of media - delicate watercolours, bold oils, detailed scraperboard and beaten metal sculpture.

With things still uncertain, we are so disappointed not to be able to hold a physical exhibition to mark our twentieth anniversary but, as the country finally begins to unlock, we are delighted to be able to show you what we have been up to. We hope you enjoy it.

The artists are defined by their talent and passion for representing their vision of nature and wildlife through their work. They are all deeply knowledgeable about the rural environment and the countryside and their commitment to conservation shines through everything they do. They have held numerous exhibitions as a group, throughout the UK, over the past 20 years and their work is collected worldwide and has been reproduced in dozens of books and publications.

A full preview of the all the work in the exhibition can be seen at redspot-artists.com and a percentage of all sales will go to both the Countryside Alliance and The Atlantic Salmon Trust. All the artists can be contacted directly about their work - their email addresses are given in this brochure and on the website. Alternatively, please direct any enquiries to benhoskyns@ googlemail.com or telephone 01787 211266.

It is with enormous pleasure that we would like to add that Fieldsports Journal have very generously offered to give a year's free subscription to their fabulous magazine and a compendium of Volume II, issues 1-7, to every person who buys a piece of work from the exhibition.

All work is for sale on receipt of this brochure

Ben Hoskyns Sam MacDonald Rodger McPhail Jonathan Sainsbury Tania Still Jason Sweenev Keith Sykes Owen Williams



















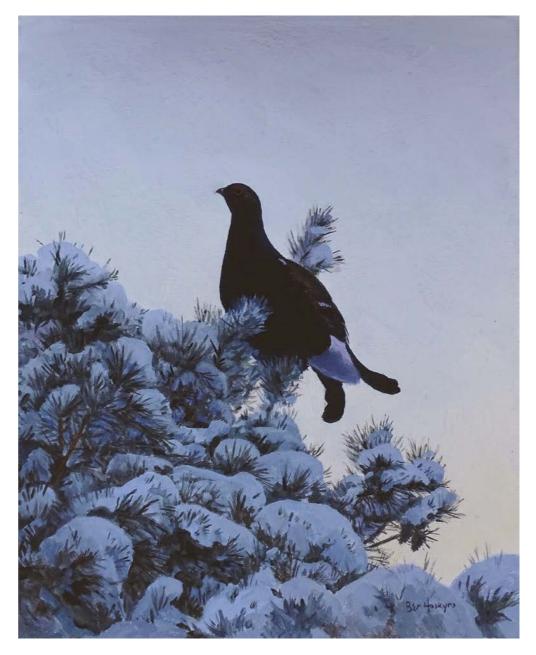
# Ben Hoskyns

Ben Hoskyns has been a full time professional artist since 1988, specializing in oils of British wildlife.

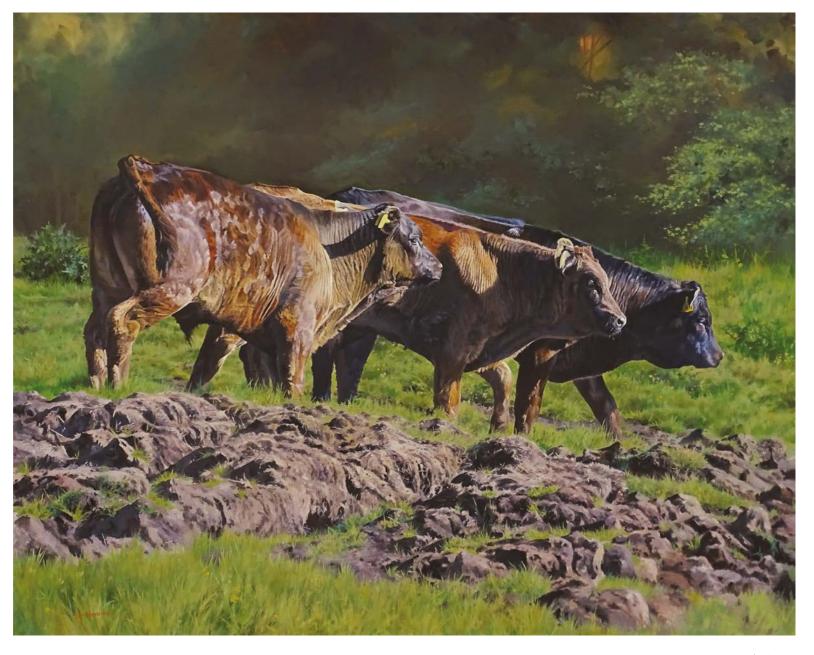
He has developed more as a landscape artist in recent years and his studies of birds and animals are often part of a progression towards his larger pieces. The smaller landscapes, themselves, are usually part of that same development so that there may be several different versions of a particular view - a change of angle, subject, light or narrative - but each instilling that feeling of 'being there' and capturing the very essence of the British countryside.

He has illustrated several books and wrote and illustrated Holland & Holland's The Nature of Game (1994), with a foreword by the Duke of Edinburgh. He has, more recently, collaborated with some of the country's leading wildlife artists to produce the three books in the Artists' Impressions series: The Woodcock, The Grouse and Deer.

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Winter Blackcock Oil on Board 25x 20cm



Lush Grass Oil on Canvas 100 x 80cm



*Redleg II* Oil on Board 25 x 30cm



Grey Partridges Oil on Board 45 x 35cm



Snow Drift Partridges Oil on Canvas 95cm x 65cm



Lying Rabbit Sketch Oil on Board 30 x 25cm



Woodcock Alarm Oil on Board 40 x 30cm



Standing Woodcock
Oil on Board 40cm x 30cm



Blackcock Oil on Linen 40cm x 30cm



Grouse at Speed Oil on Canvas 60cm x 45cm

Brown Hare Oil on Board 40 x 30cm



Flushing Pheasant Oil on Linen 35 x 25cm



Flighting Mallard Oil on Linen 30cm x 20cm



Stubble flighting Mallard Oil on Board 45 x 35cm



Highland Grouse Oil on Canvas 90 x 65cm

#### Sam MacDonald

Sam MacDonald grew up on the Isle of Lewis. He studied for four years at Camberwell School of Arts before returning to Scotland to live on Orkney for 20 years, where he combined his love of fishing, diving and the sea with his developing skills in metalwork. He now lives by the sea in East Lothian.

Sam uses old, traditional techniques to produce contemporary and unique metal relief work in pewter, gold leaf, bronze, copper and brass. He creates impressions of fish, using the tactile effects that metal, its processes and techniques have to offer

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Golden Browns
Pewter, brass, gold leaf, aluminium and resin
60cm x 180cm



Quandry
Pewter, copper, gold leaf,
aluminium and resin
100cm x 100cm



Tranquility
Pewter, copper, gold leaf, aluminium and resin
70cm diameter



Frenzy Copper, goldleaf, aluminium and resin 50cm diameter



Red Hue Aluminium and resin 50cm diameter



Time Well Spent Copper, goldleaf, aluminium and resin 90cm x 90cm



Reverance (salmon)
Pewter, brass, gold leaf, aluminium and resin
180cm x 100cm





Turbot Corten steel, copper, aluminium and resin 90cm x 90cm

Above and Below Pewter, copper, gold leaf, aluminium and resin 180cm x 100cm



Tarpon Brass, goldleaf and aluminium and resin 20cm x 30cm



Bonefish Brass, goldleaf and aluminium and resin 20cm x 30cm



Permit Brass, goldleaf and aluminium and resin 20cm x 30cm



Loch Brownie Brass, goldleaf and aluminium and resin 20cm x 30cm

## Rodger McPhail

Rodger has been painting professionally for over forty years and his work has taken him all over the world. Whilst he is best known for his wildlife paintings he also paints portraits, cartoons and stage sets and has illustrated over thirty books including the hugely successful Open Season: An Artist's Sporting Year.

His work can be seen in a great many private collections from gamekeepers' cottages to royal palaces.

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Doe and Kids Oil on Canvas 100 x 60cm



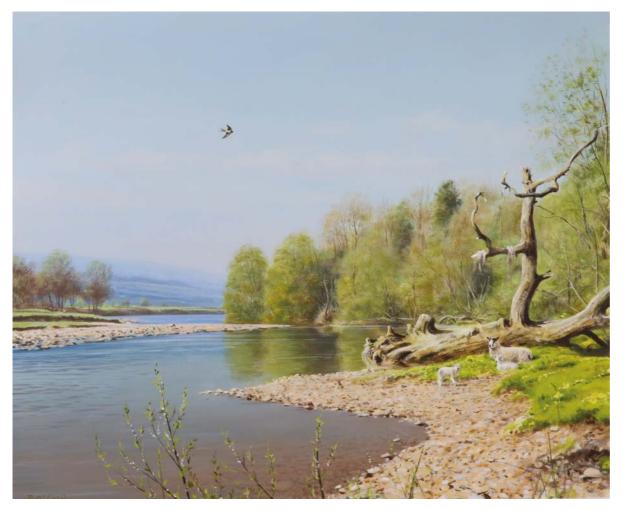
Pied Wagtail Oil on Paper 33 x 29cm



Rising Snipe Oil on Paper 53 x 30cm



Ringed Plover Oil on Paper 29 x 16cm





First Swallow Oil on Paper 56 x 54cm

*Treecreeper*Oil on Paper
11 x 14cm



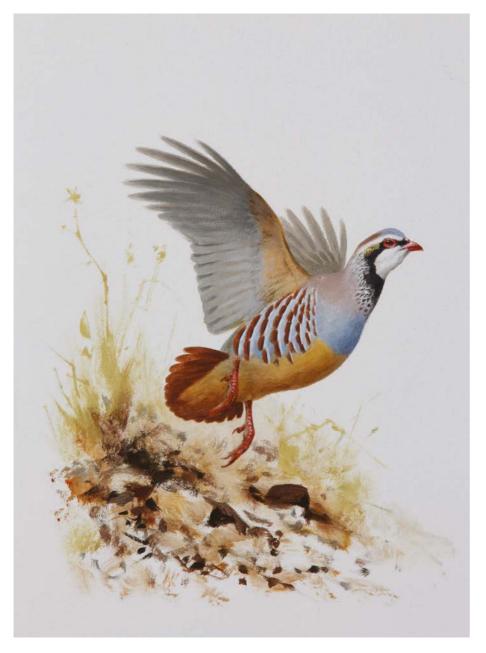
Bullfinch Oil on Paper 21 x 17cm



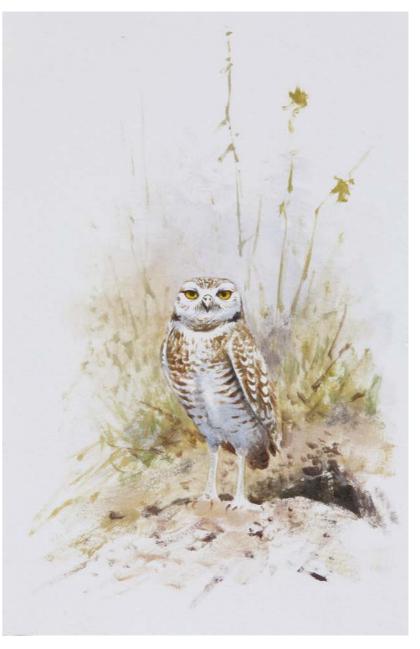
Song Thrush Oil on Paper 46 x 30cm



*Grouse* Oil on Paper 23 x 34cm



Rising Redleg Oil on Canvas 17 x 18cm



Burrowing Owl Oil on Canvas 13 x 19cm



Jacana Oil on Paper 19 x 13cm



Teal Oil on Paper 51 x 35cm

Heron Oil on Paper 19 x 29cm





Stag and Grouse Oil on Canvas 41 x 51cm



*Egret* Oil on Paper 16 x 24cm

## Jonathan Sainsbury

Jonathan lives in Perthshire. His love of nature and how to portray it in a way that is particular to the art of picture making has exercised him as a professional artist for more than forty years.

Jonathan's work has been chosen for the Royal Glasgow Institute, the Royal Scottish Academy, the Royal Scottish Society of Watercolours, the Aberdeen Artists' Society, the Singer-Friedlander Watercolour exhibition and the Society of Wildlife Artists. He was awarded the Maude Gemmell Hutchison prize at the Scottish Royal Academy and his work is on display at Nature in Art, Gloucester.

Jonathan is an elected Signature Member of the Society of Animal Artists in the United States, exhibiting in its Annual exhibition, and an elected Signature Member of the Artists' Foundation for Conservation. His work hangs in the Permanent Collection at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wisconsin, home to 'Birds in Art', considered the world's premier Bird Art show

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Two Red Grouse Charcoal and Acrylic 50 x 40cm



Grouse Wall Oil 70 x 100cm



Woodcock in the Snow Watercolour 13.8 x 19cm



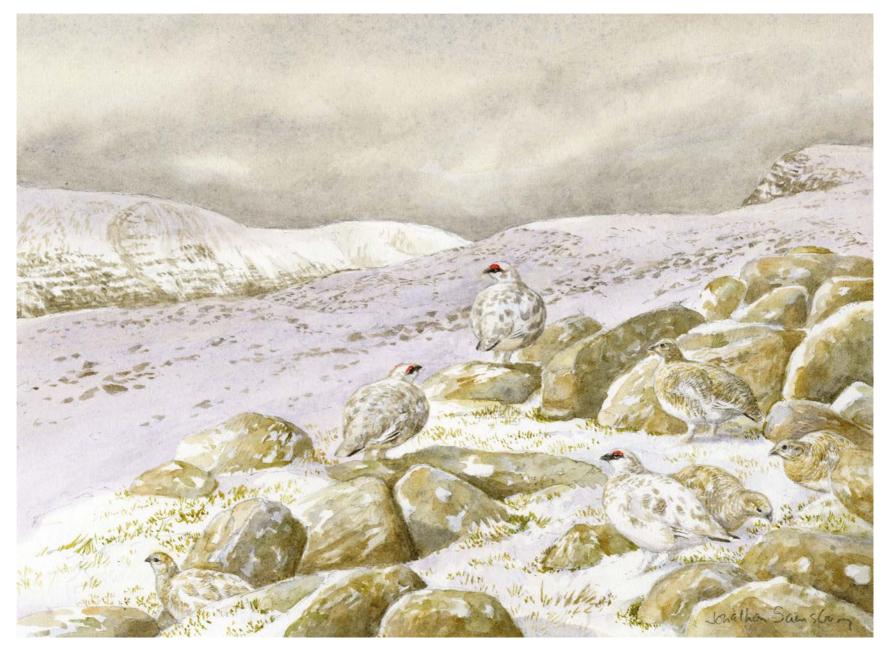
Flying Woodcock Watercolour 13.8 x 19cm



Roe Deer Wood Watercolour 16 x 22cm



Pheasants on a Gate Watercolour 15.5 x 21.5cm



Ptarmigan Wester Ross Watercolour 13.8 x 19cm



Foxes Charcoal and Watercolour 60 x 80cm



Squirrel Branch Charcoal and Watercolour 72 x 110cm



Fishermen Charcoal and Watercolour 77 x 77cm



WE ARE ALL INDIVIDUALS mixed media 56 x 76cm

#### Tania Still

Tania Still was born in 1976 and grew up in North Yorkshire and went to Queen Mary's School, Baldersby Park before moving to London in 1996 to study at the City and Guilds of London Art School in Kennington, where she completed her diploma and postgraduate studies in Fine Art Painting. Her passion for the countryside and rural pursuits are the main inspiration in her work, she feels it's important to try and convey the changing attitudes to rural life.

"Still predominantly concentrates on painting horses, hounds and quarry. Unless vital to the work, she portrays her subjects without a background. Still is a unique phenomenon in British sporting art. Not since the days of Stubbs has an artist had the audacity to paint animals with such vigour, utterly divorced from their surroundings. Her work is now in great demand, predominantly for private commissions."- Countrylife She lives in London with her husband, daughter and son.

The last 15 months has enabled me to further develop and explore my skills as an artist. I have also been able to concentrate on some of my favourite charities and create some excitingly large paintings for them as it has been hard for us all. I am looking forward to seeing the paintings raising much needed funds for them, they include Marie Curie, Racing Welfare and Hunt Staff Benefit Society.

Tania's paintings can be found in many private collections throughout the UK, Europe, the USA and Argentina. She had two paintings in 'The Dog' exhibition at Chatsworth House in 2019.

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11am Oil on linen 180cm x 180cm



All on Oil on linen 120cm x 120cm



Baily's Oil on linen 180cm x 150cm



*March Hares* Oil on linen 180cm x 90cm



Hurworth Oil on linen 90cm x 90cm



Strutting Cock
Oil on linen 150cm x 50cm



Warwickshire Eagle Owl Oil on linen 61cm x 91cm

## Jason Sweeney

Jason Sweeney lives in the Scottish Borders and creates wildlife sculptures from welded stainless steel. He draws inspiration from the abundance of local wildlife, creating a diverse range of sculpture.

Jason spends most of the year on private commissions for collectors with some time set aside for exhibition work.

Stainless steel is a medium with innate strength, allowing the fluid vitality of the piece to be unhindered by structural support, providing Jason the opportunity to create what is undoubtedly his recognizable style.

The sculptures are created from flat sheets and beaten into shape before being welded together and finished by grinding and buffing. Jason carries out the whole process, by hand, thus ensuring that every piece is truly unique.

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Keeping the Catch Stainless steel kingfisher on polished stainless steel base  $70 \times 45 \times 17$ cm



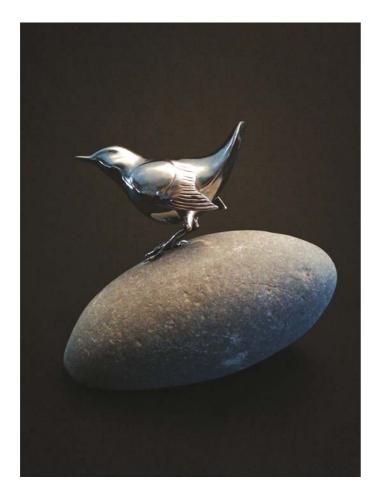
Bare Beneath the Lilies? Stainless steel wall mounted  $200 \times 140 \times 32 cm$  Bespoke sculpture with ideas as wild as you like!





Atlantic Salmon Stainless steel salmon with polished mount on polished granite base 58 x 43 x 40cm





Bobbin' Bob Stainless steel dipper on natural river stone 28 x 25 x 15cm

A Bonnie Trout Stainless steel on polished granite base 74 x 48 x 37cm



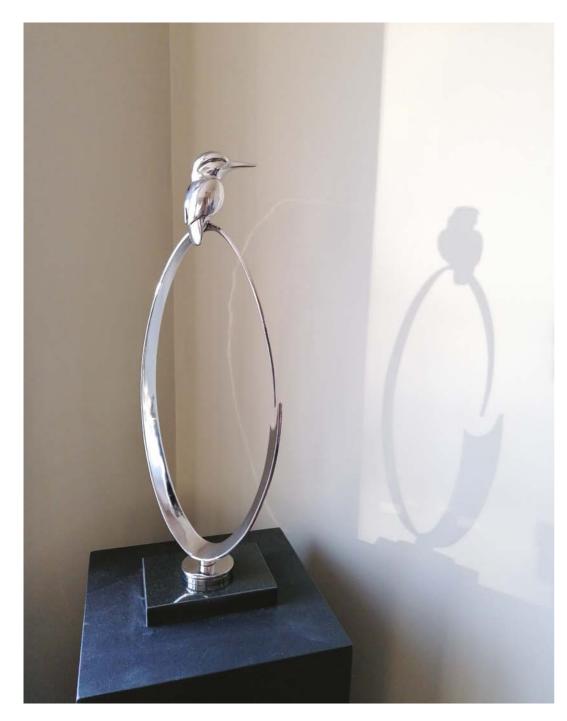


Amongst the Wrack
Stainless steel mackerel and bladderwack on riven slate base 71 x 65 x 40cm





Swaying Wrack
Wall mounted stainless steel mackerel on bladderwrack
190 x 102 x 22cm





Ovum 1 Stainless steel kingfisher and oval mount on polished granite base 65 x 23 x 19cm



Ovum 11
Stainless steel kingfisher and oval
mount on polished granite base
193 x 62 x 45cm







## Keith Sykes

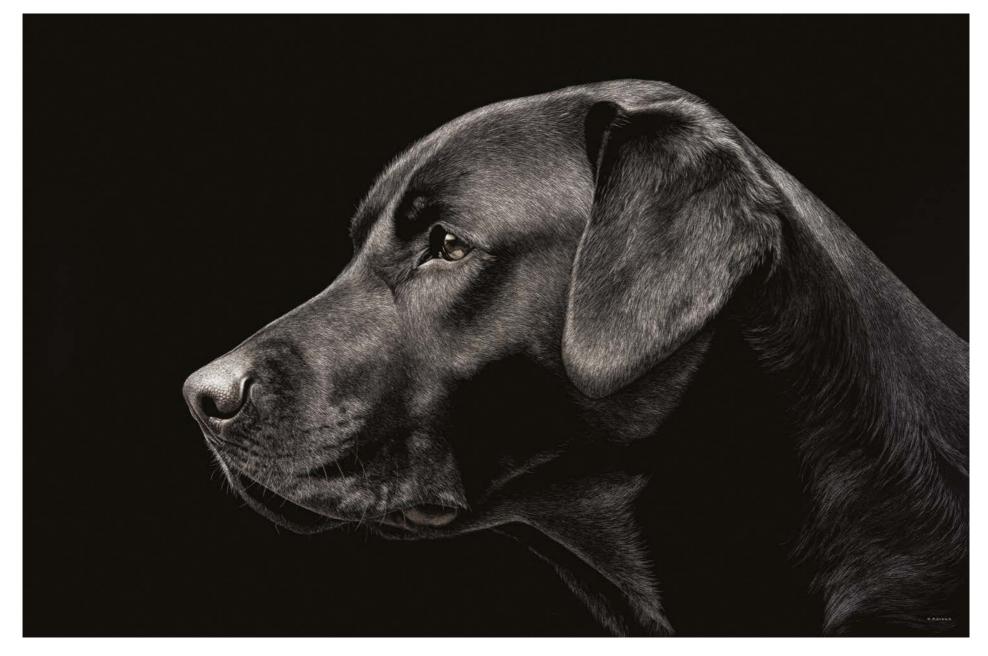
Shooting with his father in his early teens provided Keith Sykes with the initial inspiration to draw and paint. His early pictures were an attempt to capture the excitement and atmosphere of coastal wildfowling for which he had a passion.

He is now best known for his fine-detailed black and white scraperboard inks of gundogs, most of which are portrait commissions. His other subjects include horses, British wildlife, African game and wild boar.

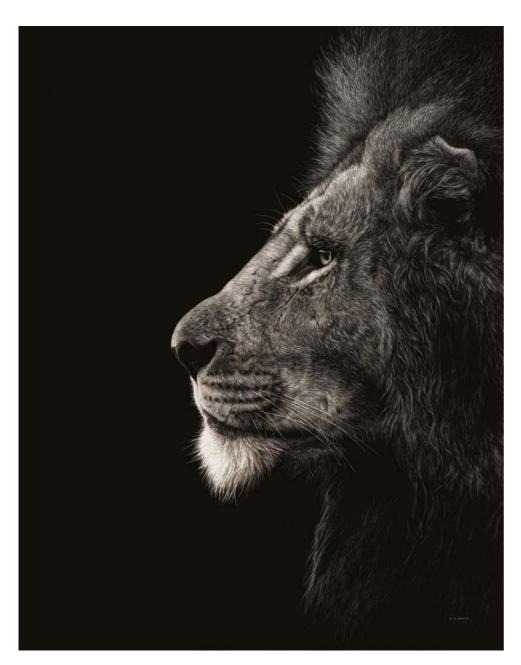
Although extremely time consuming, scraperboard is an ideal medium for depicting fur and feather. By using black ink on a white background, Keith relies purely on light and shade to capture the unique character of the animal or bird he is portraying

Keith collaborated with several other leading British wildlife artists in the production of the books The Woodcock - Artists' Impressions, The Grouse - Artists' Impressions and Deer - Artists' Impressions.

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Labrador Profile Scraperboard 58 x 40cm



Masai Lion at First Light Scraperboard 42 x 55cm



Red Stag Ink on Scraperboard 30 x 43cm



Running Boar Ink on Scraperboard 95 x 50cm



Mr & Mrs Duckling Ink on Scraperboard 24 x 21cm





Fluffed-up Cock Wigeon Ink on Scraperboard 25 x 20cm

Pinkfooted Goose Ink on Scraperboard 17 x 24cm



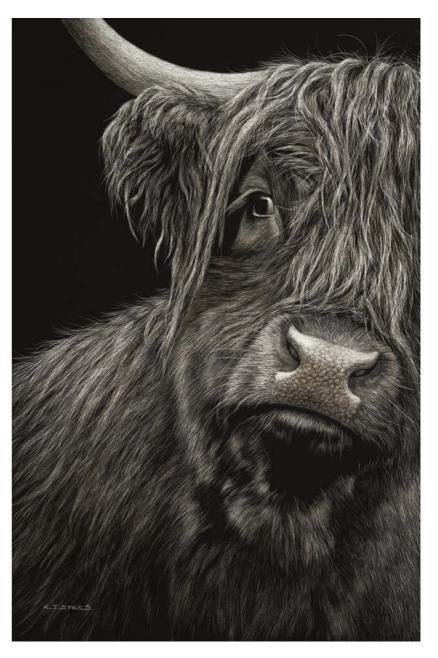
Cocker Puppy Ink on Claybord 36 x 26cm



Mature Springer Spaniel Ink on Scraperboard 30 x 35cm



Labrador & Partridge Ink on Scraperboard 33 x 42cm



Inquisitive Cow Scratchbord 13 x 20cm



Bolting Rabbit Ink on Scraperboard 30 x 17cm



Woodcock Portrait Ink on Scraperboard 17 x 15cm

### Owen Williams

Despite being a challenging medium, Owen Williams has always enjoyed the natural luminescence that watercolour offers to the painter of landscapes and wildlife. Inspired by the Victorian watercolourists he has concentrated on mastering this medium since the start of his career in 1985.

Growing up on a hill farm in West Wales, Owen developed a passion for both wildlife and weather from an early age, which inspired him to become an artist in later life and his paintings now hang in many private collections. both in the UK and abroad. In 2003 the Royal Household commissioned him to paint teal over a flight pond at Sandringham as their present to the Duke of Cambridge to mark his 21st birthday.

Owen's lifelong fascination for woodcock has led him to contribute to scientific research into this species by setting up the Woodcock Network which works closely with the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust. He has personally caught and ringed over 2100 woodcock and it is this unique familiarity with both the form and character of this enigmatic species that has inspired him to create his beautiful and well-observed bronzes of woodcock.

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Sunset Woodcock Watercolour 34cm x 55cm

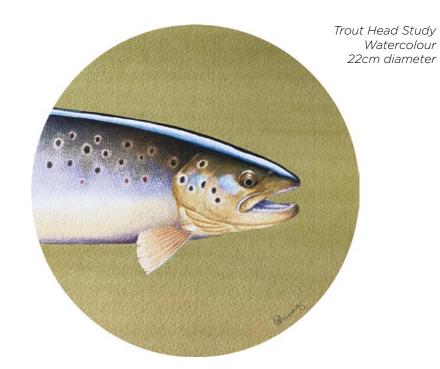


Contour Flight Watercolour 35cm x 55cm



November Covey Watercolour 38cm x 55cm



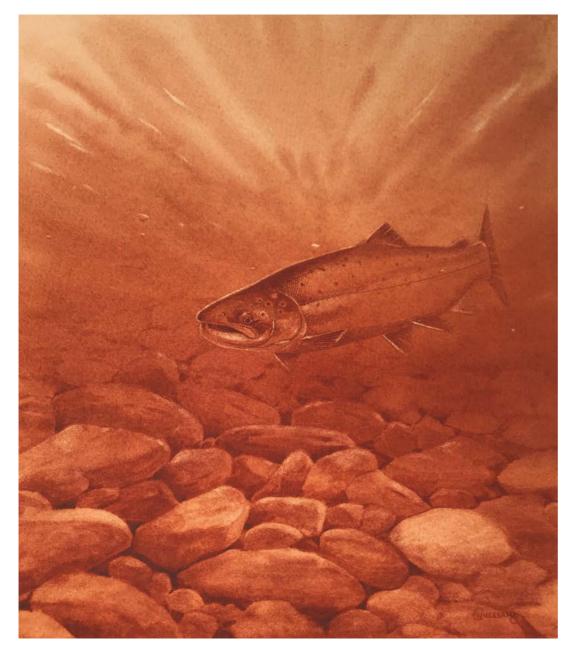


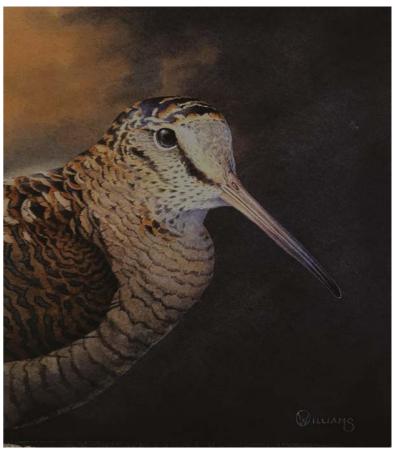


Canada Goose Head Study Watercolour 28cm x 15cm



Hare Head Study Watercolour 16cm x 18cm





In the Sea Pool Watercolour 28cm x 26cm

Woodcock Head Study Watercolour 18cm x 16cm



Being Watched Watercolour 26cm x 47cm



Winter Hinds Watercolour 19cm x 30cm



Young Fox Watercolour 26cm x 21 cm



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