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LOCAL ARTIST'S SUCCESS IN MAJOR NATIONAL ART EXHIBITION

Work by local artist Jackie Garner has been selected from almost 700 entries to appear alongside paintings by some of Britain's leading watercolour artists. The Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours' annual exhibition will be on display at the Mall Galleries near Trafalgar Square between 30 March and 10 April 2011.

The Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours hold an open submission exhibition in central London each year. Founded in the mid 19th century, the Institute has come to be recognised as one of the leading national institutions for watercolour painters, spanning figurative, abstract and experimental work.

Jackie commented: "It's the first time I've entered this prestigious exhibition so I'm delighted to have had two paintings accepted amongst such formidable competition. The paintings are from my latest project, depicting wildlife art of Ancient Egypt. Egypt's very much in the news at the moment for political reasons but I hope my paintings will remind people that the country also has an incredibly rich cultural heritage."

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Listings

The Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours Annual Exhibition

Mall Galleries

The Mall (near Trafalgar Square), London SW1

www.mallgalleries.org.uk

Open 30 March to 10 April 2011, 10am-5pm daily (closes 3pm on final day).

Admission £2.50, Concessions £1.50 (free to Friends of the FBA, Art Fund Members, Westminster Res-card holders and Under 16s).

About Jackie Garner

Jackie Garner is a professional wildlife artist based in Stroud, Gloucestershire. Her work is held in collections as far afield as South Africa, Trinidad, the Falkland Islands and Australia, and has been shown on BBC television.

Further information is available at www.jackiegarner.co.uk