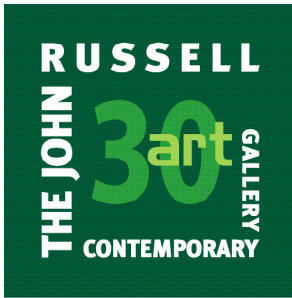


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## JAN PAWLOWICZ

New Paintings

29<sup>th</sup> June – 25<sup>th</sup> July '09

One can sometimes miss important pieces of information by going on first impressions alone. For instance, one could be easily mistaken in assuming that Jan is a Polish national who has made his home in this country. In truth, Polish ancestry aside, Jan is East Anglian through to the core, being born, bred and educated in the region, attending both the Ipswich School of Art and the University of East Anglia, Norwich.

Similarly, a first glance might lead the viewer to conclude that this Artist's new work is unrelated and far removed from the abstracted, landscape imagery of three years ago, the time of his first solo exhibition at The Gallery. But on closer inspection one can clearly see a correlation between this new figurative imagery and the earlier, much broader compositions. It is all there to see - the few bold strokes, quickly but confidently executed in a seemingly spontaneous manner; the curves and circles that once suggested features of landscape and vegetation now being utilised to highlight anatomical undulations and facial characteristics.

Jan has forsaken canvas for this exhibition, presenting his work solely on paper this time round, with the earthy palette, the previously steady influence in his unruly landscapes, being significantly expanded. In fact, one gets the distinct impression that Jan has 'upped the ante' - the imagery, although naive in execution, has become more complex. Where there was a hint of restraint before, caution is now thrown to the wind. Jan looks controversy in the face by using colour to draw the eye to significant areas that some would rather they were kept under wraps. In a way, this is reminiscent of the work of Colin Moss, former Head at Ipswich School of Art and Jan's tutor in the 60's, whose study of social realism gave rise to some poignant imagery of the street walkers and workers of Ipswich, an uncomfortable reality to some.

Pushing boundaries is currently what this Artist is about. But is Ipswich ready for Jan Pawlowicz?

**Monday - Saturday 9.30 am - 5.00 pm**

*A selection of images from the Exhibition will be available to view on the web site from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June - [www.artone.co.uk](http://www.artone.co.uk)*