

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Artists Trail: Shining the spotlight on St Giles Street and Fish Street**

*22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016* – The Discover Northampton Artists Trail spotlight shines this week on St Giles Street and Fish Street, with eleven businesses hosting artwork by eight talented local artists.

On St Giles Street, Artists Trail visitors might start with beauty salon **Studio Nails** or sewing emporium **Northampton Sewing Studio**, both well-established and popular town centre businesses. For hungry explorers, storytelling dessert parlour **The Magic Bean**, café and coffee shops **Dreams Coffee Lounge** and **Bread and Butter** or Polish restaurant **Chata Cottage** are all Artists Trail hosts too.

**Abraxas Cookshop** and **Bonds Jewellers** are both on St Giles Street and are real Northampton town centre favourites, the former selling high quality cookware and bakeware, the latter a great range of unique and branded jewellery. **Montague Jeffery** is a specialist menswear store, offering made-to-measure, tailoring and alteration services alongside a fabulous range of clothing and accessories. **Mace Newsagents** completes the St Giles Street line-up, while over on Fish Street is **LSL Photography**, an independent photo studio that provides fun, formal and creative photoshoots.

Featured artists in this part of town include Northampton-based Jane Denton, who has been painting with watercolours for over a decade, and Sara Penrose, who moved from a career in engineering to begin capturing the beauty of our towns, villages and countryside on canvas. Emma Saul is a landscape lover inspired by nostalgia, while Musetta Seagrove has exhibited at the Theatre Royal and the Derngate Theatre.

Cordell Garfield is a Northampton-based artist working in oils and acrylics and Jeanne Edwards makes and posts a drawing every day – in July she passed 1400 continuous days of painting! Gerald Porter is a local artist and curator who also holds life drawing classes, while Jonathan Roberts has a passion for digital mediums. Finally, a permanent collection is on display at The Magic Bean.

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Pick up an Artists Trail leaflet from the Tourist Information Centre or a participating business, or download a digital version from the BID website at [www.northamptonbid.co.uk](http://www.northamptonbid.co.uk), and get exploring!

**About the Discover Northampton Artists Trail**

The Discover Northampton Artists Trail has been organised and funded by the Northampton Town Centre Business Improvement District (BID). It is a celebration both of local creative talent and of the vibrant, diverse businesses within Northampton town centre. 44 businesses and destinations have volunteered to host artwork for the Trail, which will run from Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August through to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Join in the conversation on Twitter by following @NorthamptonBID and using the #ArtistsTrail hashtag.

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