

## Felixstowe Artist Supports International Freedom Campaign

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Work by local artist Alison Malcolm is included in a book published this week in support of Amnesty International. 'Freedom & Art' is a landmark collaborative effort by the Mirca Art Group, an international coalition of professional artists.

The book will be released on Thursday 2nd October, Mahatma Gandhi's birthday. It features 74 works of art, each accompanied by a short statement about the synergy of freedom and art in our world, and is being sold to raise funds in support of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, a key political figure who has been under house arrest in Myanmar (formerly Burma) for the past 18 years over her bid for political freedom.

The project was born out of artmesh, a media social networking website. Swedish founder Stefan Tunedal created the Mirca Art Group as a private forum within artmesh that would focus on fostering art-orientated discussions in an open, tolerant atmosphere. The Mirca Art group eventually grew to include nearly 250 artists from 6 continents and over 30 countries. Aung San Suu Kyi and her battle for freedom - a passion of Tunedal's - became a rallying cause for the group and is the inspiration for the book. According to Carla Goldberg, US-based coordinator and senior editor for Freedom & Art, the book was meant to harness the energy and passion of the artists from around the world for Mrs Aung San Suu Kyi into an actionable strategy to aid in her release.

Alison Malcolm, from Felixstowe, said, "I'm very excited about this project, the book is something very special." Alison's original painting featured in the book, alongside the words, "Enough Space, Enough Time is All I Need For My Freedom...", has been bought by a couple living in Felixstowe.

The book will be available for sale through Amnesty International's website [www.amnesty.org.uk](http://www.amnesty.org.uk), with all proceeds from the sale donated to Amnesty International to support efforts being made on behalf of Mrs Aung San Suu Kyi.

The Mirca Art Group said, "By working together in the spirit of global collaboration, these artists have become a united voice of hope and pierced places where freedom has failed with the liberating power of artistic expression."

There are 74 Mirca artists from 27 countries represented in the book: Anders, Dagmar-Austria; Andersen, Luise USA; Asztalos, Kriztina-Hungary; Baistrocchi, Giulio-Italy; Baiwir, Leopold- Belgium; Bayer Domanoski, Linda-USA; Begerhotta, Manvendra-India; Bonnici, Martin- Australia; Breig, Renee-Sweden; Cavalli, Luiz-Brazil; Chavez, Daniel-USA; Chicago, Kim-USA; Cousins, Scott Jeffrey-USA; Danette, Kimberley-USA; D'Assumpcao, Alberto-Portugal; Davidson, Mick-UK & the Netherlands; Dickerson, Rickie-USA; Erdos, Aniko-Hungary; Eryk, Mark-USA; Evans, Leo-USA; Fangano, Alessio-Germany; Flaitz, Carol-USA; Follows, Andrew-Australia; Fortia, Adel-Libya; Gador, Maciej-Poland; Goldberg, Carla- USA; Gollapudi, Narasimha Murthy-India; Gordon Harris, Cassandra-USA; Guna, Bianka-Canada; Heaslip, Nicoll-Australia; HEGO-Germany; Hodeib, Inaya- Lebanon; Ideta, Goh- Japan; Kinsey, Doug-USA; Kitipov, Angel-Bulgaria; Koedijk, Rob-the Netherlands; Konstantinova, Svetlana- Russia; Krol, Piotr-Poland; Lemaitre, Isabelle-Italy; Lennox, Owen-UK; Lensen, Carla-the Netherlands; Longueville, Laurence-Switzerland; Mahuba, Ali-Malaysia & USA; Malcolm, Alison-UK; Martin, Donna-USA; McCabe, Midori-USA; Moore, Brad Michael-USA; Murphy, Don W.-USA; Murphy, Linda-USA; Oathman, Tourya-USA; Oeser, Dagmar-Germany; Prestegaard, Elly- Norway; Petre, Catherine-Belgium; Renouf, Naomi-UK; Rimell, Bruce-UK; Roldan, Pilar-Spain; Selvon, Serge-Germany; Severin, Constantin-Romania; Singh, Prem-India; Staples, Christopher-USA; Steckbauer, Melissa-USA; Steens, Anette-Norway; Stromberg, Annika-Sweden; Thomas, Simon-Sweden; Tunedal, Katarina- Sweden; Tunedal, Stefan-Sweden; Tschaikowski, Anatoli-German; Urum, Evrensel-Turkey; Urum, Sevgi-Turkey; Vaganov, Igor-Russia; van der Merwe, Belinda-South Africa; Ward Kelly, Stacey-USA; Winchester, Elizabeth-USA; Yoon, Mimi-USA

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