

Press Release

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Five Talents' 'Brush with the Wild'

Five Talents linked up with internationally-renowned wildlife artist Pip McGarry for a private view and charity auction at The Colomb Art Gallery, London on Thursday 14 May 2009.



Guests were invited to the private view in advance of Pip's stunning solo exhibition of paintings of big cats and African game. An exclusive new work was auctioned by Christie's auctioneer Deborah Allen, raising £1,600 for the charity. Five Talents also benefitted from the sales generated by the exhibition, which donated five per cent of total takings, raising a further £753.

Philip Short, managing director of the Colomb Art Gallery said, 'We are delighted to partner with Five Talents for this exhibition, bringing together people interested in Africa and supporting such a good cause'.

Pip McGarry's work has achieved record prices at auction and many of his paintings have been reproduced as fine art limited editions. He has been artist in residence at Marwell Zoological Park, Hampshire, since 1998. An elected member of several prestigious societies of artists, Pip is also founder and chairman of Marwell International Wildlife Art Society (MIWAS), the largest wildlife art society in Europe. His annual camping safaris give artists and photographers a unique opportunity to see the wildlife of the remote game reserves of Northern Botswana at first hand.

Money raised by the exhibition and auction will go to support Five Talents' microfinance projects in Africa. Small loans – as little as £30 – coupled with business advice provide the capital and support needed to begin or develop small businesses, creating jobs and enabling people to build better lives for themselves.

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"Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more." (Matt. 25:20)