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BAFTA winning Art Attack creator launches brand new fine art collection at Treeby & Bolton in Keswick

Neil Buchanan, the creator, artist, producer and presenter behind the two times BAFTA award-winning TV sensation – Art Attack – is back with his first ever collection of published fine art. Entitled **Neil Buchanan's HOPE STREET**, the 12-strong series of limited edition prints is a nostalgic and evocative collection of art inspired by Neil's childhood memories growing in the early 60s.

Neil Buchanan's HOPE STREET will be in Keswick from **mid-November through to Christmas** and each picture has been personally signed by the artist. Fans of 'The Art Attack Man' can find the beautiful new HOPE STREET collection of work in **Treeby & Bolton** in Lake Road, Keswick.

Despite an internet rumour started on Facebook rumouring the artist had died of colon cancer three years ago, Neil Buchanan will prove that he is very much alive and well with a personal visit to Treeby & Bolton on **SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER from 12PM-3PM**. During the reception Neil will talk about the inspiration behind his debut collection of published art and personally sign and dedicate any HOPE STREET prints and souvenir brochures bought during his visit.

"I want to take you on a special journey," said Neil. "This voyage doesn't involve a long car ride or train trip, because my HOPE STREET is not a place, it's a state of mind... and it's a nice place to be. When I went out to play, I walked down my very own HOPE STREET everyday with the gift that only children truly possess in abundant measure - imagination."

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HOPE STREET gives a respectful nod to the rich narrative and humour achieved by Norman Rockwell and Jack Vettriano, whom Neil describes as his key art influences. Celebrated American portraiture artist, Jessica Rockwell, and cousin of the legendary Norman Rockwell, said: "Entering the universe of Neil Buchanan's HOPE STREET is a tranquil space filled with the imagination of children. Neil Buchanan reminds us of possibilities real and true. We see past our troubles and fears and know that we can be creators of a better world, each in our own way."

HOPE STREET is proof (if it were needed) that 'The Art Attack Man's' talents stretch far beyond the boundaries of drawing cartoons, papier maché model making and his awesome 'Big Art' creations on Art Attack. Neil Buchanan said: "I had six million young art critics every week on Art Attack and it was their opinions I cared about most. Normal people don't have art hanging on their walls, they have pictures! The greatest honour will be if people like my HOPE STREET paintings enough to hang them on their walls. That will be the biggest approval rating for me!"

The 12 images are exquisitely painted, with light and flowing brushstrokes that depict a time when children were free to play in the great outdoor adventure before traffic clogged up our streets and cyberspace banished play to the bedroom. In essence, Neil has achieved a global and timeless connectivity with anyone, anywhere, who can relate to the joy of a happy and carefree childhood.

Neil said, "I'm a sucker for nostalgia and I hope the paintings of my HOPE STREET will bring memories of your own childhood flooding back. As a performer, I want my pictures to perform for you and take you on a journey down your own HOPE STREET – to a place where you were free to dream and be whatever and whoever you wanted to be."

Neil Buchanan's HOPE STREET will be in Treeby & Bolton, Lake Road, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5BX in the countdown to Christmas and Neil Buchanan will personally be in the gallery on Saturday 10 December from 12pm-3pm.

For further information call 01768 772443 or visit www.treeby-bolton.co.uk