Anne Bardsley

WILDLIFE ARTIST





About the Artist

Anne Bardsley is a wildlife artist based in Oldham, creating expressive, character-driven portraits of animals. She is drawn to their individual personalities and the small details that make each one unique, whether it's an expression, a particular pose or a look that captures their character.

Anne works from her own reference photographs, taken during visits to zoos and wildlife parks, where she spends time observing the animals and looking for moments that inspire her. Rather than trying to recreate a photograph, she wants to capture something of the animal's personality and bring it to life through her paintings.

Working with acrylics, oils, soft pastels and mixed media, Anne enjoys experimenting with different styles and techniques. Her three collections, Pop, Splash and Oils, each offer a different way of portraying animals, from bold and colourful portraits to softer, more textured paintings.

Her aim is to create artwork that makes people stop, look and feel a connection with the animal. Whether it makes someone smile, see a familiar animal in a new light or become more interested in its story, she hopes her work encourages a greater appreciation of wildlife. Conservation and the challenges faced by vulnerable species remain an important part of her practice.

Pop Collection

The Pop Collection is all about bold colour, fun and personality. Working in acrylics, Anne creates vibrant animal portraits that bring out the character of each subject. These paintings celebrate the individuality of animals through bright colours and playful compositions.



My Office, Now! - 50x76cm - 2024
Acrylics on box canvas



One For Sorrow - 50x50cm - 2022
Acrylics on box canvas



Reporter Of War - 50x50cm - 2021
Acrylics on box canvas



All Eyes On Me - 100x100cm - 2026
Acrylics on box canvas



Pigeon Party - 60x60cm - 2022
Acrylics on canvas



Funkiest Zebra - 50x76cm - 2020
Acrylics on box canvas

Splash Collection

The Splash Collection combines acrylic backgrounds with soft pastel details to create animal portraits with a sense of depth and movement. Using layers of colour and a distinctive scribbled technique, the paintings have a translucent quality, allowing the layers beneath to show through. This approach reflects the vulnerability of the animals while celebrating their individuality.



Silent Approach - 50x60cm -2024
Acrylics & soft pastel on canvas board



What Big Teeth You Have - 50x60cm - 2022
Acrylics & soft pastel on canvas



I'll Be There In A Minute - 40x50cm - 2024
Acrylics & soft pastel on canvas board



Rainbow Raptor- 50x60cm - 2022
Acrylics & soft pastel on canvas



King Of The World- 40x50cm - 2026
Acrylics & soft pastel on canvas board



Orangutanya - 40x50cm - 2022
Acrylics & soft pastel on canvas



What Do Gorillas Dream Of? - 50x60cm - 2024
Acrylics & soft pastel on canvas

Oils Collection

The Oils Collection takes a more relaxed, painterly approach to portraying animals. Using bold colours, brushwork and palette knife techniques, Anne explores the texture of the paint as well as the shape and character of each animal. Some paintings focus on strong poses and movement, while others capture quieter moments with softer colours and details.



Think We're Being Watched - 40x50cm - 2024
Oils on canvas board



I Found You - 50x76cm - 2023
Oils on box canvas



Fancy A Cuppa? - 25x30cm - 2023
Oils on canvas board



Citizen Titi - 25x30cm - 2024
Oils on canvas board



Swinging Symphony - 25x30cm - 2023
Oils on canvas board



Wattle We Become? - 25x30cm - 2025
Oils on canvas board



The Confrontation - 40x50cm - 2026
Oils on canvas board

Exhibitions

Solo Exhibitions

2026 - Wild Lives, Gallery Oldham

2026 – Wild Reflections, The Market Gallery Ashton

2025 – Untamed Art, Stockport

2024 - Wildlife Unleashed, Stockport

2023 – Wild Encounters, Stockport

Group Exhbitions

2025 – Group Exhibition, Open 2025, Bury Art Museum

2025 – Group Exhibition, Association Of Animal Artists, The Station Richmond

2025 – Group Exhibition, Association Of Animal Artists, The Rose Paterson Art Gallery Shropshire

2024 - Group Exhibition, The Oldham Open 2024, Gallery Oldham

2024 - Group Exhibition, Lancaster Art Fair, The Storey Lancaster

2023 - Group Exhibition, Open 2023, Bury Art Museum

2022 - Group Exhibition, Buy Art Exhibition
2022, Aire Place Studio Leeds

2022 - Group Exhibition, The Oldham Open 2022, Gallery Oldham

2022 - Group Exhibition, Cheetah The Movie, Canon Place London

2022 - Group Exhibition, Manchester Open Exhibition 2022, Home Gallery Manchester

Professional Highlights

Stockists And Representation

Natural Partners: Greeting card representation, UK & Ireland
Gallery Oldham: Original artwork and limited edition prints
Independent shops and galleries: Stockists across the UK & Ireland

Professional Roles

2026–Present: Cultural Ambassador, Greater Manchester Town of Culture
2026–Present: Vice Chair, Friends of Gallery Oldham
2025–Present: Lead Organiser, GO! Artists – Oldham Art Fair

Memberships

Member: Society for All Artists
Member: Association of Animal Artists
Friend: Manchester Academy of Fine Arts (MAFA)

Press

15th November 2026 — Usma Raja, "Wildlife, art and community celebrated at Gallery Oldham Exhibition closing event", Oldham Reporter.

19th October 2026 — Ian Wolstenholme, Radio Interview (from 1hr 37min), Oldham Community Radio,

28th September 2026 — Erin Parker "Oldham wildlife artist named Town of Culture Ambassador", Saddleworth Independent.

18th August 2026 — Gerald Brierley and Paula Le Moignan, Radio Interview, Oldham Community Radio.

11th August 2026 — Gemma Carter, "Oldham artist brings wildlife to life in new Gallery Oldham exhibition", Saddleworth Independent.

7th August 2026 — David Murphy, "Oldham wildlife artist Anne Bardsley to open Gallery Oldham exhibition", Oldham Chronicle.

17th November 2025 — Ian Wolstenholme, Radio Interview (from 9min), Oldham Community Radio.

30th September 2024 — Alasdair Perry, "Merseyway's Pop Up shop to be transformed into art exhibition this October", Stockport Nub News.

24th July 2024 — Community Repaint, "p-p-p-p-pick up a RePainted Penguin", Community Repaint.

25th October 2023 — Joe Yates, "Oldham artist has taken inspiration from Chester Zoo", The Oldham Times

19th October 2023 — Gemma Carter, "Oldham artist's debut exhibition inspired by animals", Saddleworth Independent.



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