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It's All 2 Much Art Gallery presents
“Beyond the Mind’s Eye”
a solo exhibition by Giles Barwick



Epiphany 2

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Giles Barwick moved to Bristol in his 20s and studied Graphic Design; following a short course at St Ives School of Art he applied to the University of West of England (UWE) to study Fine Art. It was here he was awarded the "Innes Wilken Art in Architecture" prize. Since gaining his BA, Giles has continued to develop his innovative techniques and shrewd use of colours within his work.

Giles has been a regular exhibitor at It's All 2 Much art gallery since we first opened and we have seen at firsthand how his work has developed over these last four and a half years. His earlier submissions were predominantly figurative; the sketch-like faces, often eyeless, in vibrant colours and with textured highlights became his trademark and have proved to be very popular with visitors. Indeed, one of his pieces, Epiphany, was adopted for a poster campaign by the charity Anorexia and Bulimia Care. Over time, Giles has diversified into abstract art but he still retains that same use of colour and texture with which we now identify his work.

Giles was diagnosed with Crohn's disease at the age of 15 and spent many years in and out of hospital. During those periods of hospitalisation he found that drawing and sketching helped him to combat the pain and, always looking to adopt a positive outlook, he now attributes his struggle against the illness to his emotive and often angst-ridden canvases.

There is no known cure for Crohn's disease but as Giles himself says "I have managed to turn a very negative thing into a positive thing. I hope I can inspire others. I believe every day is a new day and negative experiences can have positive outcomes if you find a way round them." His artistic inspirations have been various, ranging from close friends and local artists to people such as street artist Conor Harrington and Swiss sculptor and painter Alberto Giacometti.

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Giles Barwick's solo exhibition starts on Saturday 18th July with an open day and a chance to meet the artist from 1pm, and runs until Sunday 9th August at **It's All 2 Much Art Gallery, 124 Cheltenham Road, Montpelier, Bristol BS6 5RW.**

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