30th April 2025

**Press Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Studio Eleven Gallery presents:**

**New Paintings by Claire West;**

**Ceramics Sculpture by Qi Fang Colbert**

**Land; Sea; Mind.**

Open Wednesday 7th May 2025 - Closes 6th July 2025

Join us for the opening and open studio event on

Saturday 10th May

10.30am – 4pm.

**Claire West** is a painter and printmaker who works from her studio in Beverley. Her work is made with the intention of bringing joy through uplifting colours and subject matter. Claire allows her work to organically develop. Through a series of layers and mark making, images evolve when her imagination is free to invent and respond to the random marks.

Initially Claire trained in Interior Design before taking her Degree at Hull School of Art. She believes that good training in design has enabled her to balance her strong use of colour and composition. During the Covid years Claire completed her Masters Degree in Creative Practice at Hull School of Art.

Claire’s work has been licensed by major retailers and is often commissioned by Television Companies. The paintings and prints are exhibited throughout the UK.

**Qi Fang Colbert** originally trained in traditional pottery, qualifying with a BA and MA in Visual Design at Jiangnan University in China. Qi pushed her knowledge and practice further and gained a place on the PhD Practice – led Fine Art Course at Newcastle University, UK,

She is an active artist, ceramist, illustrator, art tutor and independent researcher working between art practice and academic research

Qi’s contemporary works encompass various mediums including drawing, illustration, animation, pottery and video installations. Exploring the Surreal practice of open narratives of
stream of consciousness, her work in ceramics explores conversations and mutual encouragement between the object and drawings. Influences include are deeply inspired by Automatic Drawing, Stream of Consciousness method, Oriental painting, Taoism and Phenomenology. Qi has exhibited widely in the UK and China.

**Our Open Studio Event** is part of the fairly new initiative organised by our friends at the Humber Street Gallery. This will take place on Saturday 10th May with many other studios and artists opening their spaces to the public. We will be offering demonstrations in throwing on the potter’s wheel and model making outside the front of the gallery (weather permitting!).

Further information at: [Open Studio Event](https://www.absolutelycultured.co.uk/whats-on/events/hull-open-studios/)

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Gallery Opening Times: 10.30am – 4pm Wednesday – Saturday.

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