



MEDIA RELEASE

Out of the Blue Opens Door to Arts Market

Arts Market Boost for Doors Open Day at The Out of the Blue Drill Hall

Out of the Blue is to stage an **Arts Market** at The Drill Hall on **September 24th** as part of national **Doors Open Day**.

It is the latest in a series of highly successful art and craft markets at new Out of the Blue headquarters in Dalmeny Street, Leith. The historic listed building is also part of the Doors Open Day scheme which opens private buildings and residences to the public one day a year. The most recent Arts Market attracted over six hundred visitors who bought work from some fifty Out of the Blue associated artists selling everything from fine art through crafts to music.

The Arts Market will also be the last chance to see the building in its original state before major refurbishment transforms The Drill Hall into a fully equipped, modern arts centre with artists' studios, a gallery, performance space, a music studio and a cafe.

Over the years, the former Royal Scots TA Drill Hall has been of huge local significance. It was used as an emergency mortuary for victims of the UK's worst ever train disaster in 1915 which killed over two hundred soldiers from the regiment. The Drill Hall was also an Edinburgh International Festival venue this year, the first time that the EIF has staged a show in Leith for nearly thirty years.

Out of the Blue Arts Market Tsarina Nicole Lambeng comments, "The Out of the Blue Arts Market is unique in Edinburgh – a chance to buy a huge range of artwork direct from the artists themselves. Teaming the event with national Doors Open Day is bound to make it even more successful."

Where: The Out of the Blue Drill Hall, 30-38 Dalmeny Street, Edinburgh

When: Saturday September 24th 2005, 12pm-6pm

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