

17th June – 1st July
Vicky Oldfield | Botanica
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Launching in June, printmaker Vicky Oldfield will be exhibiting a selection of her floral forms in breath-taking larger-scale at Sarah Wiseman Gallery.

Vicky is a printmaker inspired by collections of found objects and natural forms; she is fascinated with the structure and design found in flowers and plants, often redrawing the same plant many times over.

In her new solo exhibition at Sarah Wiseman Gallery, visitors can expect to see a new collection of larger scale works on paper, which are her personal interpretations of British wild flowers blown up to majestic proportions. The strength of her line and highly attuned sense of detail lends itself well to this larger scale.

'I am incredibly lucky to be able to indulge my fascination with nature, collecting unusual objects and local plant life and use it all to make my pictures,' she says.

The prints are taken from plates which have been collaged with a variety of materials. Card, fabric, paper, string, sand and anything else that may come to hand; it's recycling at its most creative. The plates are then sealed and then inked up and printed in intaglio or relief on damp paper using an etching press. The embossed textural quality of the print is unique to this method.

Thanks to the process itself, Vicky is able to make small editions of the image, the editions are variable due to the process and her desire to experiment, which means each print, is unique.

Vicky's work has been exhibited in the Royal Academy Summer exhibition, The Royal Society of British Artists exhibition, Artists Exchange in Tokyo. Her work can be seen in many galleries across the UK. Recently she has been asked to make two pieces of work for the Royal College of Physicians 'Florilegium Project 2018', to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the college, and 400th anniversary of the college's publication of Britain's first pharmacopoeia.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS: For more information, images or to arrange interviews, please ring Sarah Wiseman Gallery on 01865 515 123 or email info@wisegal.com. Sarah Wiseman Gallery is the largest independent gallery space in Oxford and has built a strong reputation for ambitious and engaging exhibitions of contemporary art by established as well as emerging artists. Director Sarah Wiseman opened the gallery in 1998 and it was quickly established as a leading space for contemporary art in Oxford. Sarah has sought out a varied group of artists with an eye to individuality and technical accomplishment, reflecting her passion and commitment to contemporary art. Sarah Wiseman Gallery is situated on Oxford's South Parade, surrounded by independent boutiques and restaurants.