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ACCLAIMED ARTIST MARK HEARLD DEBUTS NEW EXHIBITION INSPIRED BY THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM

The Yorkshire Arboretum is hosting a new exhibition by acclaimed artist and printmaker Mark Hearld, drawing inspiration from the site's spectacular autumn colour. York-based artist Mark, who studied at the Glasgow School of Art, with an MA in Natural History Illustration at the Royal College of Art, has produced a series of new pieces in his recognisable style.

Much of Mark's practice stems from his love of the British countryside and its inhabitant wildlife - he paid a visit to the arboretum in late October, studying the variety of colours, shapes and textures found amongst the trees and landscape of the 120-acre site to inform his new works.

Yorkshire Arboretum Director Dr John Grimshaw said: "Mark's work is distinct in its application of colour, and is the perfect companion to the glory of the trees at this time of year. These new pieces will allow our visitors a chance to view the arboretum's autumn through the eyes of one of Yorkshire's great artists."

The exhibition will run from Saturday 16th to Saturday 30th November in the Visitor Centre, with original pieces on display and for sale throughout.

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PHOTOS

Email attachment – credit Mark Hearld

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Yorkshire Arboretum and Ray Wood are gardens of the Castle Howard Arboretum Trust, an independent charity (registration number 1044931) established to maintain and protect these unique collections. Founded in 1997 as a partnership between the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Castle Howard, the Trust's patron is HRH The Prince of Wales.

The Yorkshire Arboretum is located opposite the entrance to Castle Howard and is open from 10am – 4pm every day from 1st February – 30th November, with extended opening at weekends from 1st May – 31st October. In addition to the 120 acre garden of trees there's a children's woodland playground, a café offering delicious home-cooked seasonal food and drink and a gift shop. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Admission is £7 for adults, £3.50 for juniors (12-16) and £17.50 for families. Under 12s are admitted free. Find out more at www.yorkshirearboretum.org

The arboretum's annual event programme includes a wide range of family and outdoor activities, botanical and horticultural education, and arts and crafts workshops. Full details are available at www.yorkshirearboretum.org

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