**John Davies Gallery Press Release**

**David Tress Exhibition - *Favourite Places***

**April 24th – May 15th**

The John Davies Gallery is presenting an exhibition of 30 new paintings and graphites by David Tress, featuring many of the favourite locations of this significant and individual Welsh artist. These include landscapes in Wales, Wiltshire, Exmoor and Dartmoor, Yorkshire, County Durham, Northumberland and Scotland.

David Tress is now extremely established and recognized as one of Britain’s most valued landscape painters. He has built up an extremely extensive CV over the last twenty years and accumulated a good many accolades. Examples of his work are now in many public and private collections including Clare Hall, Cambridge, The Guidlhall Art Gallery, City of London, The Museum of Modern Art, Wales to name but a few.

Tress has developed an immensely physical approach and technique with his drawing and painting over the decades. Never shying away from prevailing weather conditions, the artist gets out deep into the landscape with his sketchbook, drawing vigorously *en plein air* as well as making notes. A great appreciator of history, David researches every location he encounters. Once back in the studio his sketch books provide the starting point of the journey that each of his finished paintings take – a highly energetic process of layering paper, mark making in mixed media, the laying in of broad, spontaneous sweeps of paint, hacking into the surface and so forth, while the new painting comes to life and David transports into that composition the spirit of that place.

An interesting feature of the catalogue that goes with the show (£15 incl. postage) is an interview between John Davies and David Tress that reveals the artist’s deep knowledge and appreciation of the landscape of the British Isles, as well as his approach to interpreting it in a material manner, making ‘a picture with feeling not with knowing’ a Hans Hofmann quote included in the definitive book on the artist by Andrew Lambirth (Sutdio Publications)

A colour catalogue is available @ £15 from

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