

H.O.P.E.



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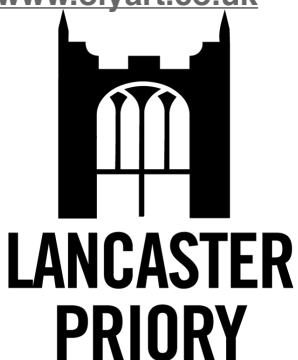
Saturday 3 February, 2024

10:30 am

Exhibition runs until 9 February

Priory Church of Saint Mary,
Lancaster

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Neil Eckersley is a martial artist whose passion for both sport and art has transcended artistic boundaries. Raised in a working class environment near Manchester, Neil discovered his love for Judo at a young age, leading him to become a Double Olympian. Olympic medalist in Judo, Neil is now an International Artist and has exhibited all over the world and was recently invited to be an artist in residence for the Beijing Winter Olympics.

This current exhibition consists of 6 large scale abstract acrylic paintings. The aim of the project is to raise awareness of conflict throughout the world and the devastating affect conflict has on innocent people.

The word H.O.P.E. stands for homelessness, optimism, perseverance and endurance. Neil believes that even though there is a degree of despair in the world there is also hope that one day these life changing issues will be peacefully resolved and allow humans to have the freedom to live a life without the existence of WAR.

Neil published a book with illustrations by Anita Chamberlain to accompany this body of work called 'The Chaos of a Manufactured WAR'.