

# Devon Guild of Craftsmen

Press Information

*Michael Honnor*  
Painter Printmaker

18 September - 1 November 2015

Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Bovey Tracey, Devon TQ13 9AF

Contemporary Devon artist Michael Honnor shows 50 years of work in his new part-retrospective exhibition

Devon artist Michael Honnor grew up on the edge of Dartmoor. A solitary artist, it is these wild, rough landscapes where his creation begins. Whether large scale paintings or striking lithographic prints, initial sketching always begins out of doors, usually where the land meets water. His forthcoming show at the Guild brings together over 70 works and is an opportunity to see Michael's painting and printmaking alongside one another.



Michael became a Member of Devon Guild of Craftsmen as a printmaker. He was given his first 'litho stone' forty-five years ago and has been working and teaching from his studio at Dartington Print workshop since 1978. Nowadays, limestone plates are no longer commercially produced but in their heyday were used by Toulouse Lautrec for poster printing. The fine art of Michael's printmaking also comes from drawing an image directly onto the smooth plate's surface with a wax crayon. He then treats it with a mix of acid and gum, which etches the non-waxed parts. After dampening, the etched areas retain water, which in turn repel an application of oil-based ink, sticking *only* to the marks of the original drawing. (See images, below)

For him, printmaking is the partner to his painting; *'They seem to need each other. I like the idea that more and more they may become differently the same'*. This exhibition will explore the synergy of both techniques and reveal how one informs the other. *Exhibition is free admission. Open daily 10am-5.30pm.*

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**Events: Launch** Friday 18 September 2015, 6-8pm. Wine, refreshments, speeches. Opened by Dr Jenny Balfour-Paul, writer, artist, curator and President of the UK association of The Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers.

**Meet the Maker** Saturday 19 September 10.30 -11.30am. Michael will be on hand to talk and answer questions about his work. Free, drop-in event.

**Add your mark to a Michael Honor print** Saturday 24 October 10.30am (prompt) - 12 noon. Michael will use the press and lithograph stone in the gallery, to produce a print with the help of the public. Free, drop-in event.

**The Big Draw** Thursday 29 & Friday 30 October 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30 - 4pm. Join the National Campaign for Drawing and come to our family fun days with creative activities inspired by *Painter Printmaker*. Free drop in event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Notes:

Press are invited to attend the **Michael Honor launch event** on Friday 18 September 6-8pm.

**Riverside Mill** is home of Devon Guild of Craftsmen, a Membership organization and hub for contemporary crafts culture in South West England. Our galleries, shop and café in Bovey Tracey, Devon are free admission and we welcome visitors 7 days a week 10am-5.30pm throughout the year. We are an educational charity and seek to inspire creativity at all ages and levels. [More info.](#)

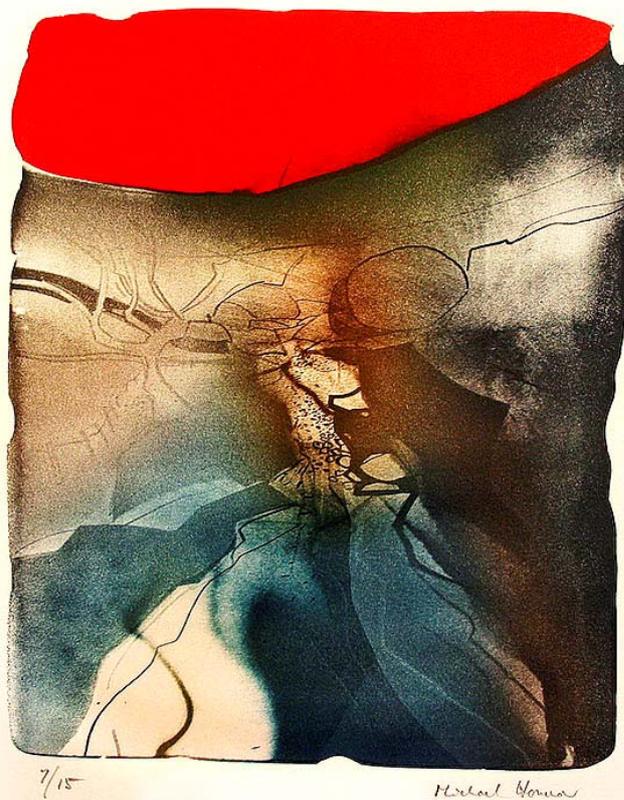
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Images: top 'Minsmere River, Rough dawn', mixed media on linen 30"x40"

Below (left) Michael Honor lithographic stone plate printing  
(right) 'Harford Moor, Dusk' Lithographic print



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