

Artist's flat becomes his gallery

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A NEWLYN-born artist has won a major arts award to launch a double arts event in the unique surrounds of his own flat in Penzance followed by an exhibition in London.

Mark Nicholls, 35, will be turning "Back flat" in Morrab Place, Penzance, into a gallery for a one-off, invitation only exhibition tomorrow, November 8, called "4whitewalls."

He will also be launching his new on-line art space called "www.4whitewalls.com."

Both the exhibition and art space will then travel to Bethnal Green, London's East End, for a week long show at Lock and Davies in Goldsmiths Row.

Mark, who paints under the name "MJ Nicholls," is a former student of Falmouth School of Art, Brighton University and the Royal College of Art.

He has also had studios in the USA and France and painted during exchange visits to Morocco and India.

Mark was awarded an "Artist Award" from South West Arts in the summer which enabled him to finish a series of paintings that have been worked on over the last 12 months and to build the on-line space.

The website, which was set up with the help of Network Train-

ing in Bread Street, gives all the details of the shows, directions, examples of the paintings that can be viewed, and where you request an invite to the one-off show.

Mark is a member of the Newlyn

Society of Artists and of Digital Peninsula Network. He has received three awards in the past from the Royal College of Art and a printmaking award from the University of Brighton.



□ Local artist Mark Nicholls with his painting titled "Figure Study 1."