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THINGS ON THE WALL: The first Oxfringe group exhibition 29 March–6 April

At Brian Duke Foyer, Jacqueline Du Pré Music Building, St Hilda's College, Cowley Place
and Age Concern@183 Internet Bookshop, 183 Cowley Road

One of the highlights of Oxfringe 2008 – Oxford's new fringe festival, with over 40 events spanning literature, theatre, comedy, music and more at venues across Oxford from 29 March to 6 April – is an exhibition of art from a wide variety of local artists, running at two venues throughout the festival week.

This exuberant, eclectic show runs the gamut of medium and style, featuring: the bold street art of rising art group TheCollectiveEra, who are also providing animated visuals to accompany the bands playing at Gappy Tooth Industries at the Wheatsheaf on Saturday 29 March; the vibrant collage work of Jo Stannard, Emmie van Biervliet and Beatrice Hallard; a story in several comic strips from sequential artist Jeremy Dennis; and photography and paintings from figurative to abstract.

Oxfringe co-director Deirdre Ruane, a local artist herself and curator of the exhibition, said: "We are very glad to be working with the Jacqueline Du Pré and with @183 Bookshop, who have both been very supportive and enthusiastic about Oxfringe and have enabled us to include a strong visual arts strand in the festival."

Each exhibition venue is hosting a special event during Oxfringe week to which members of the media are welcome:

- **Lunchtime View: 12.30-3pm on Wednesday 2nd April at @183.** Come see the art, meet the artists and enjoy complimentary tea, coffee and snacks.
- **Exhibition Finale at the Jacqueline Du Pré: 6-8pm on Sunday 6th April.** Organisers and artists will be celebrating on the last night of the Fringe with drinks and nibbles before moving on to the Fringe Finale event at Copa on George Street.

For information on all the featured artists and a preview of what's in store at both venues, see www.oxfringe.com/thingsonthewall

Exhibition opening hours:

- **Jacqueline Du Pré: 10am-4pm daily**
- **@183 Bookshop: 10am-5.30 Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm Saturday**

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. Oxfringe is a non-profit organisation, financially supported by main sponsors Borders and other local business. Oxfringe and Borders have received an investment from Arts & Business to develop their creative partnership. The A&B Investment Programme is funded by Arts Council England, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and the Scottish Executive.

2. The team can be contacted via info@oxfringe.com, www.oxfringe.com or 0870 803 3475 (answerphone). Oxfringe began with just two events in 2007. In 2008 there are 39 shows across around 60 performances, and the festival is expected to grow larger still for 2009. The Oxfringe printed brochure is available across the city. Further press information and photographs are available at www.oxfringe.com/press.php

3. The exhibition title 'Things on the wall' is Title no. 81 from Stefan Brüggemann's Show Titles project, www.showtitles.com.