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Susan Wilson Returns to the McAtamney Gallery

Geraldine's McAtamney Gallery is delighted to be welcoming acclaimed painter Susan Wilson back to the district for the opening of their latest exhibition; Susan Wilson Katherine Mansfield Paintings.

The title of the exhibition is inspired by two works on display, "Prelude" and "Revelation" which were commissioned by British Publishers The Folio Society to illustrate their millennium edition of Katherine Mansfield's short stories. These works capture the emotion and energy of the Mansfield stories while also being clearly flavored by a bright and dynamic New Zealand landscape.

Now based in London, Susan Wilson grew up traveling the South Island landscapes between Southland and North Canterbury and has strong family ties in Coalgate and Glentunnel. As part of the McAtamney Exhibition prints of her work "Driving to Arthurs Pass" will be available for sale at a very reasonable price as a fundraiser for the earthquake damaged Octagonal Library in Glentunnel.

Also on display are several works based on her Father and Uncle and their experiences at Monte Cassino. Still life works and monoprints of the Monte Cassino Monastery are included in this series.

Susan Wilson's international success (she is currently member of Faculty at The Prince's Drawing School in London and also works as an invited artist at that city's National Portrait Gallery) reflects her great skill in creating vibrant paintings that resonate with the viewer.

Gallery Director Carolyn McAtamney-Rasch says visitors to the Gallery have been struck by Susan Wilson's astute observations of people, places and themes. "It's a treat for me to be able to share these magnificent works. The two Mansfield paintings especially, are a must-see"

The McAtamney Gallery, in Geraldine, is open seven days and is located in the Old Post Office Building, Geraldine.