



Artist's latest exhibition gets off to a good start

TWO-THIRDS OF PAINTINGS AT GALLERY'S INAUGURAL SHOW ARE SNAPPED UP ON FIRST DAY

A FEW years ago the only critics of Catriona Millar's paintings were friends, family and visitors to local art shows.

But since completing a fine art degree in 2005, her work has attracted a wider fan base, including art collector and

gallery owner Charles Saatchi.

Now 35 of her latest works are being displayed in a major solo exhibition - the inaugural show at Riverside Gallery in Stonehaven, which relocated to premises in Ann Street

earlier this year. Around 20 guests saw her work at yesterday's preview.

And by the close of the day around two-thirds of the oil paintings - which average around £3,500 - had already been snapped up.

The 52-year-old mother-of-two said the day went well and her paintings had been well received.

"Sometimes I surprise myself at how coherent the paintings look together, although I do not set out to say I must do a

set," she said. "I love to draw people having fun and people in relationships.

"I don't always know what I'm going to say until I start."

The Udney-based artist's exhibition runs until June 28.