



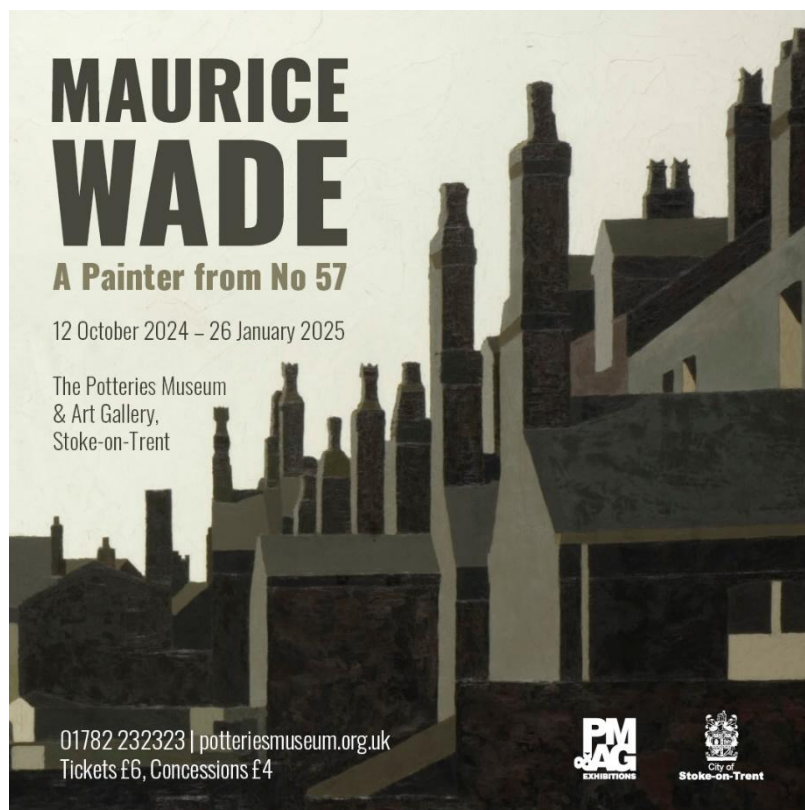
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PRESS RELEASE: NEW EXHIBITION

Maurice Wade - A Painter From No.57

The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery 12 October 2024 – 26 January 2025



Local artist Maurice Wade was inspired by the stark beauty and atmospheric melancholy of the urban, industrial and natural landscapes of North Staffordshire. Born in Burslem in 1917, Wade served in the army during the Second World War and upon his return to the Potteries in 1951, he felt a growing compulsion to paint. Wade found inspiration in the singular mood and shapes of the local landscape, his striking paintings are characterised by his use of monochromatic colours applied with palette knives to create precise geometrical structures and forms. He was a regular

exhibitor at the prestigious annual exhibitions in London and Paris, attracting critical acclaim. Following Wade's death in 1991, his work was seemingly forgotten. However over the last few years, there has been a renewed interest in the artist and a growing recognition of his important contribution to contemporary British art in the 20th century. This special exhibition brings together for the first time over 90 paintings from private collections, highlighting Wade's enduring fascination with the region. The exhibition will also be accompanied by a fully illustrated book edited by Petr Hajek, with contributions by David Powell.

The exhibition opens to the public on Saturday 12th October 2024 and runs to Sunday 26th January 2025. Tickets £6/Concessions £4/Children under 16 free.

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Petr Hajek's *Maurice Wade* website:



Maurice Wade paintings in public collections listed on ArtUK:



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