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A Retrospective Exhibition – paintings and prints by Lithuanian contemporary artist, Arvydas Uziela, at the Jersey Galleries at Osterley Park and House.

The Jersey Galleries, Osterley Park and House, Jersey Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 4RB. Tel: 020 82325052. Tube: Osterley (Piccadilly Line). www.nationaltrust.org.uk/osterley

20 August – 31 August 2008, Wednesday – Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday, 1 – 4.30 pm.
Join us for drinks and meet the artist on **Saturday 23rd August**, 1 – 3 pm.

Contemporary Lithuanian artist **Arvydas Uziela** makes his first appearance in the UK. Originally from Vilnius the artist spent more than eight years in Budapest, which influenced his work greatly. He relocated to London less than two years ago.

A multi-media artist, Uziela has worked in materials such as stained glass, graphics, watercolour and painting. This exhibition will present paintings from the “Lithuanian period” (pre-1998) as well as paintings and experimental graphics from the years spent in Hungary (1998-2006). This period is marked by spiritual tranquillity and joyfulness. It is a time of self-contemplation in the bigger world and of identity in an international environment. It is also a period accentuated by his attempts to set his imagination free and experiment with various techniques, which unexpectedly produced a new and coherent cycle.

In 2003 Uziela held an exhibition of graphics using mixed printing techniques called *Freedom of Fantasy* at the Central European University in Budapest. In 2006 he presented his oil paintings from the Budapest period at the Embassy of Lithuania in Hungary under the title *Farewell to Budapest*.

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