

# Bob Barker

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Bob has been painting since he received a Christmas gift - an oil painting set at the age of 12. Immediately he was captivated by what could be achieved with a brush, some oil paint and a few small squares of hardboard to paint onto.

Childhood memories of the mill his mother worked at as a weaver form the images he paints now; Bob loved the smell of the looms at the mill and talked to everybody in the spinning sheds, the burling and mending room, the winders and tuners, along with his grandmother who was the 'cha' lady there.

With no formal training Bob has enjoyed painting in many different styles and with numerous subjects, developing and honing his techniques of brush and palette knife.

Although a Yorkshire man born and bred, during his youth Bob spent time in Cornwall. There he met two prominent artists (Keith English & Tom Gower) and spent hours watching them paint.

Conversations with them made him believe he could be a professional artist.

However, as life went on, marriage, children and a mortgage meant that painting remained as a hobby whilst Bob ran his own video and media company. His daughter-in-law now runs the business, allowing Bob to achieve his lifelong dream of being a working artist.

**“Nostalgia spurs me to paint by looking back to childhood memories with adult eyes; this allows me to be quite free artistically.”**



### **Here I Go Again**

Canvas Edition of 150 | Image 24" x 24" | Framed £599

“The title is a little play on words because it could refer to the fact that I felt this image is good enough and recognisable enough for me to re-visit and paint it again with the latest palette. Or it could refer to the lad on his daily ride once more freewheeling down the hill.

“With more than a hint to a very famous advert I can almost smell the bread and hear the brass band quietly playing in the distance (go on you all know the tune!)”



### **Chips and Gravy**

Canvas Edition of 150 | Image 24" x 24" | Framed £599

“An old road, a bit of disused land and you can guarantee kids will start a game of something on it - well I used to when I was a kid - and I could think of nothing better than chips and gravy for me tea.”



### **Storms Never Last**

Canvas Edition of 150 | Image | 20 ¾" x 26" | Framed £565

“Ambiguity, sanguine and sfumato enter the scene: with just the last few drops of rain visible, the storm is almost past. The light is forcing its way through the distant trees to light the way forward, casting soft shadows and warm reflections. With light flowing into the foreground, a wonderful diffuse ambience is created to follow the lovers home...”

## Bob Barker | Gallery Appearances 2011

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- Castle Galleries Leeds      Sunday      11 December    1-4pm
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