

Here is a list of Ukraine-based artists who currently offer instantly downloadable digital art (by both grown-ups and children) on Etsy. The list is NOT comprehensive, and the list is being added to all the time (search for 'digital' in 'shops from Ukraine').

- GarnaGoods (NB. This is where you can purchase the artworks in this exhibition)
- HandmadeByIrynaToys
- JulARTCo
- KatrinFineArt
- CasesLovely
- YutaInteriorArt
- SofiArtStudioDesign
- OGREclothes
- MyLittlePrettyAngel
- KolesnykovaFineArt
- ArtRoomStainedGlass
- JuliaHappyArts
- JuliaDattaPaint
- ElenaHMShop
- DreamcatchersbyAlice
- TelonitskayaArStudio
- Woodlexx
- YuliaKashina
- SvitHappyWorld
- FORSDECOR
- SonkaHouse
- BabyBumpDesign
- StudioWoodCo
- AlkevichLeather
- SniperGraphicsStudio
- ARTMotaJ
- CeramaStudio
- Dezling
- DimonART
- HappyBabyCrochetToys
- Yakzirka
- KnittingValensia
- SweetHomeWjre
- LoveOrLeaveltGifts
- ShopUSSRGoods
- MeriteWatercolour
- Volkosana
- AnnaplusK
- PREMAstudio

# CHILDREN of HOPE



## Art from the Children of Ukraine

**SALISBURY GUILDHALL**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**ADMISSION FREE**

It is wrong to look away, to pretend that the horror being visited upon the blameless is actually some other reality. We can, at the very least, bear witness. But what more can we do? How can we make sense of a brutal and unprovoked invasion, that seems, most cruelly of all, to so disproportionately target children?

Millions. Fleeing. Becoming acquainted with hate and violence and metal and cluster-bomb and phosphorous and near total loss. Holding onto hands that they are entitled to trust in, to hands that suddenly, awfully, are not there, or hands that are left behind somewhere very bad indeed, or hands that will not be there at all ever again.

However, as the children fear, they are also drawing. They record their traumatic situation, unable to lie about events that no child should ever witness. But their drawings, instantly downloadable from anywhere on earth, also reshape, reemphasise, breathe, survive and hope. And if. If. If. If. Beautiful if.

We are raising money, in part, for the Voices of Children Foundation<sup>1</sup>. Since 2015 this charity has been determined upon a mission that no child in Ukraine should ever be left to deal with trauma alone. They give psychological and psychosocial support to the too many children caught up in war,

and, for example through art therapy and video storytelling, help children to articulate their own feelings.

The other charity we are supporting is City of Goodness<sup>2</sup>, which provides social support and shelter for mothers and children with difficulties, including homelessness, poverty and domestic violence, and helps to overcome social isolation. They aim to keep families united, and to keep children in their families.

Our artists, all from a school in the beautiful Ukrainian city of Ivano-Frankivst - where you can stand beneath a famous fountain in the centre and remain dry - invite you into their terrible new reality. Some of the paintings are sad. The happy ones are even sadder, a Ukrainian saudade. In the sheltering sharing, however, is a plaintive hope of remaining, unflinching, dry, while war rains down – and a promise that these children are not alone, now, and that they will not be alone tomorrow.

<sup>1</sup> <https://voices.org.ua/en/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://misto-dobra.com/ua/english/>