

Ukraine making its mark

THE painters of the Ukraine may not be that well known to the British public. But that may change soon.

Last night, an exhibition of paintings by artists of the former Soviet republic opened at Liverpool's Hanover Gallery.

And one sale had been made even before the show opened.

A gallery spokesperson said: "Someone bought it after spotting it through the window."

One can see the attraction in a show consisting largely of landscapes and colourful figures.

Created in an Impressionist style, they are well composed, brightly painted and very attractive.

The artists first exhibited their works in the West in 1993.

And three years later, they were exhibiting in Liverpool where the show has now become an annual event.

A number of influences have affected the art of the Ukraine, initially its early religious ties to Byzantium.