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Angela Yarwood with Damien Hirst

Top artist gifts limited edition work to gallery

THE shocked owner of an art gallery in Budleigh Salterton has been given a limited edition Damien Hirst print as a gift after a chance meeting with the artist.

Angela Yarwood, who owns Brook Gallery in Fore Street, was at a London studio for a meeting, and Mr Hirst was there working.

The two were introduced, and after a brief conversation about his work and Angela's gallery, Mr Hirst presented her with a personally signed, diamond-dusted silk screen print of his controversial work For

The Love Of God. The diamond-encrusted skull became the most expensive work of contemporary art by a living artist when it sold for £50m this year.

Angela said: "I don't imagine ever selling the print. It's not about the money, it's about the gesture.

"He was a really nice, unassuming man. It was a really generous, spontaneous gesture. It's a once in a lifetime happening and a great coup for a Devon gallery."

It has been hung in the Brook Gallery until Christmas, after which Angela is taking it home.

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