

Sally's gone to the ends of the earth for inspiration for her latest creations

INQUISITIVE penguins, polar bears playing rough and tumble games and force 11 storms – no-one can say that artist Sally Oyler doesn't go to the ends of the earth to seek inspiration for her paintings.

The fruits of the Haddington artist's trips to both the Arctic and the Antarctic are due to go on show this Tuesday at the

Dundas Street Gallery with a series of works depicting the wildlife in these remote areas.

The 49-year-old artist visited the Antarctic a year ago. At Snow Hill Island, she became one of just a few hundred people to visit a remote Emperor Penguin colony. "The penguins toboggan down towards you on their tummies,

kicking these enormous feet. They get to you and they trumpet at you – you feel you should say something back," she laughs.

She also saw gentoo and adelic penguins – and had to make the trip

back to Argentina in a force 11 gale.

In the Arctic where she spent two weeks in July, she was lucky enough to spot polar bear mothers playing with their cubs. "They are pretty



inquisitive and the mothers and cubs will come to check out the ship," she explains.

Since her return, she has given two fundraising talks on her trips, raising more than £11,000 for charity.

■ *The exhibition runs from Tuesday to Saturday at the Dundas Street Gallery or pictures can be viewed on www.sallyoyler.com*