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Turner Prize-winning British artist Grayson Perry has put pen to paper for Epilepsy Action's National Doodle Day auction. The 'doodle' is currently live in an eBay auction.

The artwork joined those by Natsko Seki, Sir Peter Blake, Sir Alan Ayckbourn, Stephen Hough and dozens more in the National Doodle Day eBay auction. Children's writers including Shirley Hughes (*Dogger*), Raymond Briggs (*The Snowman*, *Fungus the Bogeyman*) and Anne Fine also contributed drawings. The main auction closed on Sunday 7 February, raising over £8,000 for the charity.

Grayson's doodle is featuring in a specially extended auction. This will close on Thursday 11 February at 7pm UK time. The proceeds will help Epilepsy Action support the 600,000 people living with epilepsy in the UK.

Holly Rawlings, doodler in residence at Epilepsy Action, said:

> “We are excited and honoured to have received Grayson Perry's support. The 'doodle' is an absolute work of art. This is the fourth time that Grayson has doodled for National Doodle Day and the money raised supports our work for people with epilepsy all over the UK."

People can find Grayson Perry's doodle at epilepsy.org.uk/grayson

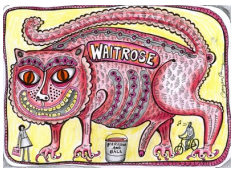
Epilepsy affects around one in 100 people in the UK and 87 people are diagnosed with the condition every day. Each year Epilepsy Action directly helps over 1.3 million people through a range of services, including the Epilepsy Action Helpline freephone 0808 800 5050, branch network, specialist nurse scheme and award-winning website, epilepsy.org.uk

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Notes to editor

1. Other people who contributed doodles to the auction include Olivia Colman, Miriam Margolyes, Jose Mourinho, Sir Ben Kingsley, Sir Tom Courtenay, Caroline Quentin, Caspar Lee, Jerome Flynn, Frank Skinner, Raymond Briggs, Alison Steadman, Bertie Carvel, Joanna Lumley, Ben De Lisi, Sir Peter Blake, Lorraine Kelly, Bill Nighy and Toby Jones.
2. Grayson Perry's doodle is attached. For hi-res images, epilepsy case studies or more information on National Doodle Day, please contact the Epilepsy Action press office on 0113 210 8870 or email press@epilepsy.org.uk. The press office can also be reached on this number outside of office hours
3. Around one in 100 people have epilepsy. Epilepsy Action is the leading organisation working with and for people affected by epilepsy. Each year, Epilepsy Action helps over 1.3 million people understand epilepsy and treatment options through its helpline, website and events. Over 95 per cent of this life changing support is funded by donations and fundraising. For more information, visit epilepsy.org.uk

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