

News from the National Open Art Competition

The National Open Art Competition 2008 looks like being the best so far! Submission forms are flooding in daily. The competition this year has a record amount of prize money £26,000, thanks to our generous sponsors Towry Law, New British Artists, RK Harrison, DeLonghi and Seaward Properties, just to mention a few.

We have an amazing panel of eminent judges, each at the forefront of their chosen field.

Prof Maurice Cockrill RA (Chairman of the Judges) – Keeper of the Royal Academy Schools and an artist.
Richard Cork – Art Critic, historian, broadcaster and exhibition curator.
Gavin Turk, artist, and one of our leading members of the Young British Artists movement, (along side Damian Hirst, Tracey Emin, Rachel Whiteread, and The Chapman Brothers).

The judges have the awesome task, to select 150 artworks from the numerous submissions, and create an exhibition that reflects the energy and broad spectrum, of the visual arts in Great Britain today, from both emerging and established artists.

OPEN THE NATIONAL OPEN ART COMPETITION CHICHESTER

A National Showcase of Painting, Drawing & Prints
Total Prize Money £26,000
8th - 22nd November 2008

The Minerva, Chichester Festival Theatre, West Sussex PO19 6AP
Open only from 9am-5pm (Sat 9pm) on Minerva Theatre performance evenings
Free admission - All work for sale - Talks & discussions
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The successful entrants will have their work showcased three times: firstly at the Minerva Chichester Festival Theatre for 2 weeks during which there will be a panel- lead discussion, the public are invited to participate, and walkabout talks by leading artists helping to understand the exhibits, then an exhibition at The Arts Club, Dover Street, London for 1 week; and finally at Pallant House Gallery, Chichester for a further week.

Last year the 1st prize was won by David Firmstone with his watercolour *Persimmon Tree*. David has also gone on to win the new Penguin Prize for Cover Art with his painting named *The Persistence of Memory*.
Last year's Young Artist Prize was won

by Amy George (18) with her painting *Autumnal Fire*. Young means 25 and under!

One of the Highly Commended Young Artists Johanna Wibrham (21) who received the Visitors Choice prize last year, sold some of her work at the Glasgow Art fair with the help of New British Artists, who donated the award. This has enabled her to forward some of her income to the orphanage where she worked last year.

Artists may submit three pieces of 2 dimensional work, with the exception of photographic prints and reproductions, all of these must be for sale. Our couriers will start their collections from as far north as Newcastle – on – Tyne, (11th October) and travel south to Penzance (21st October) with several collection points en route. The deadline for submissions is 22nd October 2008 at Goodwood Racecourse. Please see the website for further details:
www.thenationalartcompetition.com.

Next year you will be able to register and submit your work online. Check out the website:
www.thenationalopenartcompetition.com