

Sat 4 Dec 2010 – Sat 5 Feb 2011 The West Gallery, Quay Arts, Isle of Wight Preview and Prize giving: Sat 4 Dec 6 – 8pm

Submission deadline: Fri 15th Oct

Press Release

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Quay Arts' biennial contemporary art exhibition features selected work by some of the finest up-and-coming and fully established artists from across the UK.

Quay Arts is situated within an ex-brewery warehouse on the banks of the River Medina and is the leading art centre on the Isle of Wight. Quay Arts supports the development and display of new work by contemporary visual artists.

The building with its waterside terrace café bar, craft shop, theatre and four galleries was re-designed by award-winning architect; Tony Fretton (Camden Arts Centre, Lisson Gallery, ArtSway) and presents work that is of national and international interest. At the moment the main gallery, The West Gallery, is hosting an eclectic exhibition of works collected by General Sir Michael and Christine West (whom the gallery is named after due to their contribution to Quay

Arts in the 1970s) includes works by Bridget Riley, Barbara Hepworth, Elisabeth Frink, Roy Lichtenstein, L.S. Lowry and Frank Auerbach (until Sat 4 Sep, 2010). Previous contemporary solo exhibitors include Rachel Whiteread, Andy Goldsworthy and Kurt Jackson.

Quay Arts are thrilled to announce its biennial Open exhibition 2010 and are looking for works that have a contemporary feel, which reflect current themes and concerns, as well as works that are produced using traditional subjects and methods. The theme is completely 'Open', however, all works must be made within 2010.

Quay Arts aims to select work that reflects the diversity of drawing, painting, print and sculpture within current artistic practices and to produce an exhibition that can be enjoyed by audiences from the South of England and across the UK.

To increase the diversity of mediums within 'Open 2010', expressions of interest are also invited for non-visual artists who wish to use the space for live, performance or installation work. Entrants must be 18 years old or over. For further Terms and Conditions can be found within the Submission Application Form.

There are three prizes to be won:

1st Prize

One artist will be selected from Open 2010 exhibition for a solo exhibition at Quay Arts in The West Gallery in autumn 2011. The solo exhibition will include curatorial input, mentoring, full marketing and installation support.

2nd Prize

A second artist will be selected from Open 2010 exhibition for a solo exhibition at Quay Arts' Rope Store Gallery in autumn 2012. The solo exhibition again will include curatorial input, mentoring, full marketing and installation support.

3rd Prize

This year, Quay Arts will be purchasing one piece from the Open 2010 exhibition, which will become part of its permanent collection.

Quay Arts is committed to making this exhibition as successful and enjoyable as possible for both artists and visitors and this is the perfect opportunity for both upand-coming artists and experienced professionals to have the opportunity to show their work.

Further information and downloadable Application Forms are on Quay Arts' website @ www.quayarts.org or anyone interested can call Quay Arts' Box Office on 01983 822490.

Submissions to be sent to by deadline date of 15 Oct, 2010: 'Open 2010', Quay Arts, Sea Street, Newport Harbour, Isle of Wight, PO30 5BD

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