

**Press Release: Cork Street Open Exhibitions' Prize Winners Show**  
**Private View: 17 January, 2012**  
**Event Dates: 18-27 January, 2012**

Every summer since 2008, established and emerging artists from the UK and around the world have featured in the annual Cork Street Open Exhibitions held in Mayfair to raise the profile of contemporary artists and benefit a selected children's charity.

The Annual Exhibition, in which thousands of artists compete for substantial prizes, fills two galleries in London's art-dealing centre. After a two-stage, juried selection process paintings, sculpture, photography, digital artwork, original prints and mixed media works are sympathetically presented in salon style, forming an impressive display of accessible, contemporary art to view and purchase.

This January, top prize winners from each of the past four years will be showcased in a group exhibition featuring the artist's latest works in painting, photography, sculpture, drawing and printmaking.

The Cork Street Open Exhibition was inspired by the Big Issue's tributes to Anita Roddick in late 2007, and by an article written by founder and then editor John Bird, in which he discussed his enthusiasm and appreciation for contemporary art, and his love of the galleries in Cork Street.

The selection committees which are comprised of five UK art experts changes each year, with the exception of chair, Louis Singh from Beaux Arts London Gallery. It has included International Artists Angela Conner, Susan Stockwell and Stuart Semple; Contemporary Art Dealers Giles Baker-Smith and Lisa Sharp; Art Critics Martin Newman, Eddie Chambers and Peter Suchin to name just a few. After rigorous review and debate only the best examples are chosen from within several categories making the overall collection a spectacular array of contemporary art.

"We have been extremely pleased and impressed with the outstanding quality of submissions which allow us to present such a fantastic selection of work from so many artists." said founder, Kathryn Roberts. "This exhibition will present the latest work by the highly commended prize winners from previous shows and will once again benefit the charities we have supported in the past four years."

The Cork Street Open Exhibitions' Prize Winners Exhibition runs 18-27 January 2012 at 27 Cork Street, London W1S 3NG. For more information visit [www.corkstreetopenexhibition.co.uk](http://www.corkstreetopenexhibition.co.uk) or email [info@corkstreetopenexhibition.co.uk](mailto:info@corkstreetopenexhibition.co.uk)

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